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### Mubarak insists Israel probe massacres

NEW YORK (AFP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said he would press Israel to investigate alleged Israeli military massacres of Egyptian war prisoners, the New York Times reported Tuesday. Mr. Mubarak, in an interview Monday at his reported Tuesday. Mr. Mubarak, in an interview Monday at his home in the Cairo suburb of Heliopolis, said he had put off raising the delicate question with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin while he was negotiating with the Palestinians. "I didn't want to create a problem while negotiating with the Palestinians, and it was enough for Rabin to have this problem," Mr. Muharak told the New York Times. But he warned that Egypt insisted on answers to its queries about how many Egyptian war prisoners and civilians were killed by Israeli troops during the wars in 1956 and 1067. Israel has not reolied to his government's demand for an 1967. Israel has not replied to his government's demand for an investigation, he said, and public opinion in Egypt is taking the case very seriously, "We told the Israelis this situation cannot be solved unless you start an investigation ... Whoever committed a crime should be put before the courts so as not to create a misunderstanding between the two countries," he said.

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### French leaders' ratings tumble

PARIS (AFP) — The confidence rating of French Presidem Jacques Chirac and Prime Minister Alain Juppe has tumbled again, a new opinion poll said Tuesday as the two leaders a faced fallout from unpopular budget proposals and an embarrassing polideal scandal. The poll, carried out for the weekly La Vie by the CSA institute, said Juppe's rading dropped nine points to 45 per cent on a month ago when people were asked if they trusted him to deal with France's problems. Mr. Chirac for his part fell services to 48 per cent. Forty-five per cent said they did not have points to 48 per cent. Forty-five per cent said they did not have confidence in the prime minister and there were teo per cent of "don't knows." In Mr. Chirac's case 48 per cent said they trusted the president, 44 per cent did not and there were eight per cent of "don't-knows." The poll confirmed a trend of falling popularity for the two leaders. On Sunday, a survey in the Journal du Dimanche newspaper by the IFOP institute said that Mr. Chirac's popularity score had dropped another six points to 33 per cent, while Mr. Juppe's had tumbled 11 points to 37 per cent in a month.

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#### **SLA** militiaman wounded by bomb

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MARJAYOUN (AFP) — The Iranian-backed Hizbollah homhed a patrol of Israel's proxy South Lebanon Army (SLA) on Tuesday, wounding a militiaman, the SLA said. Hizbollah said two militiamen were killed and others wounded when its commandos deionated a roadside bomh near an SLA patrol in the border zone occupied hy Israel in South Lehanon. But an SLA spokesman said one militiaman was wounded in the bomh attack in the western sector of the Israeli-beld zone. The attack came a day after Hizbollah shelled an Israeli army position in the occupied zone killing two

#### Turkey urges Iraqi Kurds to disarm

Israeli soldiers and wounding

ANKARA (AFP) — Turkey has urged rival Iraqi Kurds to prolong a truce and work for lasting peace in Kurdish-cootrolled oorthern Iraq, a Foreign Ministry official said Tuesday, "We proposed that they extend the ceasefire and stressed the importance we attach to a restoration of peace," he said after talks io Ankara Monday between the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK). He added it was "just as impor-tant to stop" Turkish Kurd separatists of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) from establishing themselves in the region. Kurdish officials said Monday that the Turkish Foreign Ministry had urged the two groups to work to extend indefinitely the ceasefire agreed on Aug. 11. The two groups, which have joint-ly controlled northern Iraq in defiance of Baghdad since after the 1991 Gulf war, have clashed over power-sharing and tax revenues since May 1994. More than 2,000 lives have been lost. They have, meet twice in Ireland for U.S. and Turkish sponsored talks at which they agreed to

#### Paiestinians see peace shortlived

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) - Six out of 10 Palestinians do not expect a lasting peace with Israel, according to an opinion poll published Tuesday. The Centre for Palestinian Reserach and Studies found that 60 per cent believed peace would be short-lived and only 19 per cent that it would really last. Another 12 per cent said peace would last to "some extent" and four per cent to a "large extent." The remainder of the 1.190 Gazans and West Bankers questioned by the Nahlus-hased centre said they did not know. The survey was carried out in September before Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) struck an agreement on Sunday to extend autonomy over the

### Rifkind refuses to meet Velayati

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) British Foreign Secretary Malcom Rifkind Tuesday said he would not meet with his Iranian counterpart this year at the Uoited Nations, partly because of Iran's stand on the Salman Rushdie affair. Mr. Rifkind told a news conference Tuesday that he would not meet with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayari during this year's U.N. General Assemhly. Britain and Iran have had bilateral talks every year in recent memory. "I think a combination of factors mean there will be no such meeting," he said, first citing 'Other pressing' engagements. "I believe also there has not yet been satisfactory progress with regard to Rushdie that we consider necessary and desire," Mr. Rifkind said. "That is a matter of regret, but that is a fact which cannot be ignored." Earlier this month. Iran refused to give a written promise not to seek to kill Mr. Rushdie whom it condemned to death in a fatwa six years ago.

# Libya said to have ordered expulsion of all Palestinians

Arafat appeals to Qadhafi to halt move 300,000 Sudanese also face ouster

Combined agency dispatches

LIBYAN LEADER Muammar Qadhafi on Tuesday reportedly ordered all Palestinians to leave the country within 24 hours to 48 hours and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat immediately appealed to Colonel Qadhafi to stop the expulsions.

The expulsion order was disclosed by a Libyan official at the Salloum border point with Egypt who also said that the first wave of 1,500 Palestinians were expected to the frontier soon.

In Khartoum, a Sudanese official said Col. Qadhafi had also ordered the expulsion of 300,000 Sudanese from his

About 300,000 Sudanese are to be deported from Libya "as part of internal measures by the Libyan authorities," Salah Mohammad Osman Amaseeh, the acting secretary geoeral of the Sudanese expatriates bureau,

He said he had been told

by the Sudanese emhassy in Tripoli that 15,000 Sudanese were stuck at the Libyan border town of Kufra by early Tuesday waiting for transportation, and warned the flood was likely to grow.

He said the measures were taken in line with Libyan law ordering all aliens illegally residing in Lihya to leave the

In Tonis, Mr. Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), appealed against the expulsion of Palestinians. "I appeal to my brother,

President Muammar, to make the right decision con-cerning his Palestinian brothers and allow them to return to their place of resid-nece in Lihya," Mr. Arafat, was quoted as saying by the French news agency, Agence France Presse.

He also asked Col. Qadha-"not to increase the suffering" of the Palestinians "under these current cir-"We are already faced with

suffering elsewhere," Mr. Arafat told the Libyan lead-

Col. Qadhafi called for the mass expulsions in early September to "show the fai-lure" of the PLO-Israel selfrule accords.

Libya on Sunday sent all Palestimans residing within its borders letters ordering them to leave the country within 24 to 48 hours of receiving the missives, according to the border official at

On Sunday, authorities sent letters to all the Palestinians in Libya ordering one group to leave the country within 24 hours and the re-mainder within 48 hours," the Libyan border official

The 1,500 Palestinians were expected at the Libyan border post of Mosaed. across from Egypt's Salloum post, later Tuesday, where army tents had been erected to provide shelter, the official

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# Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor on Monday meet with European Parliament President King reaffirms stands on Jerusalem, situation in Iraq and Palestinian ties

Their Majesties arrive in Washington after visit to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg

AMMAN (J.T.) — His and "I do not see why it Majesty King Hussein has should not be possible to said that sovereignty over the Holy City of Jerusalem should not fail under anyone except God and the city should belong to all followers of the three monotheistic religions equally.

In an open dialogue with members of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, King Hussein said Jerusalem should become "the essence and symbol of peace."

The King added that the

have both parts become the capitals of both the Palestinians and Israel.

Answering a question on Iraq, King Hussein expressed deep concern over the suffering of the Iraqi people, saying that they have suffered so long and may continue to

"The degree of the sufferiog of the Iraqi people is obvious to us and I believe that every effort should be western part of Jerusalem is made by the Iraqis them-the de facto capital of Israel selves, by the Arab states and

their leaders and by the international community to bring an end to this suffering," he Basically as it stands, inter-

nally and externally, Iraq is potentially a rich country, he noted. "What is going wroog is the absence of democracy, the absence of people's sharing in shaping their future, the absence of pluralism, and obviously the absence of re-spect for human rights," the

King said. Iraqis should determine their own future by them-selves and "I believe only the Iragis themselves can determine what their hopes and aspirations are in terms of the three basic elements" - Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds, be

King Hussein said a federation in Iraq might be the answer to address the aspirations of these three elements within the context of one Iraq. He referred in this regard to a proposal for a Palestiolan-Jordanian confederation, and said such a proposal can only materialise

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# Arafat seen winning PLO approval for self-rule deal

(PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat was expected on Tuesday to win the approval of his movement's old guard for signing a deal with Israel in Washington this week on expanding Palestinian self-rule to the occupied West Bank. Palestiniao officials in

Tunis said the meeting of the PLO's Executive Committee would give the green light to the deal despite objections expressed by some of its members. "I have objections on a

number of clauses, mainly regarding Hebron, the start of (Israeli army) redeployment and some security measures, and we will discuss that at the meeting," PLO Executive Committee member Samir Ghoshe told Reuters.

Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political departmeot, denounced the autonomy deal, saying it would

JERICHO (Agencies) -

The Israel-Palestine Libera-

tion Organisation (PLO)

agreement supposed to be

signed Thursday in Washing-

ton still has significant holes,

with time running out to fill

them, a senior Palestinian

hear from Israel on a timet-

able for starting the with-

drawai of Israeli troops from

Palestinian cities in the West

Bank, said Saeb Erekat,

minister of local affairs in the

Palestinian National Author-

ity (PNA).
"At this moment we have

not yet finalised dates for the

redeployment, and that's a

major hanging issue in the

whole agreement," Dr. Ere-

kat told reporters at his office

in Jericho. "I hope that we will be able to finish."

The accord on expanding

Palestinian self-rule in the

West Bank was initialled

Sunday in Taba, Egypt. It

calls for a step-by-step pull-

out of Israeli troops from

Palestinian towns and vil-

lages. The town of Hebron

would be last, with soldiers

remaining in parts of the

town to protect Jewish set-

Hebron, where 450 Jewish

settlers live amid 120,000

Palestinians, has been the site

of almost daily clashes in

recent months. On Tuesday,

tlers living there.

The PLO is still waiting to

negotiator said Tuesday.

Mr. Kaddoumi said: "The

PLO considers the oew accord as a destruction of the peace process and a denial of its goals for a fair and global peace io the Middle East." "Such accords cannot con-

tribute to a just solution which preserves the balance of interests," he said in a handwritten statement sent to AFP in Tunis from New York, where he is taking part in a meeting of the U.N. General Assembly. "Instead, it corresponds to

Israel's expansionist desires by tracing the outlines of a final solution," said Mr. Kaddoumi, who has opposed the autonomy agreements. His comments come before

the special meeting of the PLO Executive Committee in Tunis.

Accord is not final yet - Erakat

Palestinian youths in Hebron

pelted Israeli soldiers with

ottles and stones. In the

West Bank town of Nahlus,

where three Palestinians have

been killed in the past week,

about 70 supporters of the

peace agreement marched

through the middle of town,

Under the accord, Palesti-

nian elections are to be held

22 days after the completion

of organising elections, said Tuesday that there was no

agreement yet with Israel on

when redeployment would

begin or what would consti-

Dr. Erekat said it was

essential to agree on a start-

ing date for a troop pullback hefore the agreement is

"It's really very serious," he said. "Every effort is

Dr. Erekat said the Palesti-

nians had rejected one prop-

osed Israeli timetable as too

long, and the Israelis were

supposed to come back with a

Last-minute talks were ex-

pected to be held Tuesday

night after the end of the

Jewish new year's holiday.

and perhaps even in

Washington before the sign-

Palestinian sources said

being exercised now."

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ing ceremony.

But Dr. Erekat, in charge

of redeployment.

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firing weapons into the air.

Mr. Arafat arrived in Tunis from Gaza accompanied by six of his ministers after his

TUNIS (Agencies) - Pales- destroy the Middle East Palestinian National Authored the accord due to be signed at the White House on Thursday, The PLO leader concluded

the agreement on Sunday with Israeli Foreign Ministe Shimon Peres after a gruelling week of talks in Taba.

Uoder the deal, Israeli soldiers will start withdrawing from the West Bank populated areas, except from parts of Hebron where they will remain to protect about 400 Jewish settlers who live among 120,000 Palestinians.

Mr. Ghoshe, who also sits on the PNA cabinet, said another cabinet member had joined him on Monday in expressing his reservations over Hebroo.

The 18-member executive committee is nominally the highest body in the PLO. But

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likely not be held before

March, the deadline for

Israeli troops to redeploy in

82-member Palestinian conn-

cil to administer the auton-

Palestinians will elect an

Dr. Erekat said militants

would not be harred from

running for office. But he

added that candidates or par-

ties that "commit or advocate

racism" would be disqual-

ified. It was not immediately

clear how those criteria

Candidates or parties that

pursue the implementation

of their aims by unlawful or

non-democratic means'

would also be disqualified.

according to the elections

which has claimed responsi-

bility for a series of deadly

suicide bombings in its cam-

paign against the Israel-PLO

peace process, has taken

steps in recent weeks to set

Voters will choose repre-

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Israel Radio said the EU

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# Bosnian negotiations get under way at U.N.

Combined agency dispatches

THE WARRING parties in Bosnia, prodded by the United States and its European allies, opened a new round of oegotiations Toesday, urged by Secretary of State Warreo Christopher to seize "the moment in history" and reach a ceasefire.

Convening the meeting, which also included diplomats from the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the European Union, Mr. Christopher said it was "an important day, a time to maintain the momen-

tum for peace." He said there was "some hope" of reaching agreement on a governmental structure for a Bosnian state divided between Serbs and a Muslim-

Croatian federation. In what has emerged as a pattern in the negotiations, the Bosnian Muslim government was threatening up the last moment to boycott the session because of Serb de-

mands. But in the end, all three parties were seated at the round table on the 12th floor of the U.S. mission to the

United Nations. Yugoslav Foreign Minsiter Milan Milutinovic said just before the meeting: "We are discussing constitutional arrangements and I hope we will adopt them by tonight."

But a Bosnian official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Serbs opposed a government proposal for Bosnia-wide parliamentary elections. Instead. they wanted each side to appoint the lawmakers.

Their efforts to create two completely separate states, one of which could secede at some later date, are evident." Sven Alkalaj, Bosnian ambassador to the United States, told the Associated Press.

The Bosnian official said the Serbs also rejected a Bosnian government suggestion that members of the presidency — the proposed executive body - be chosen by popular vote.

In addition, he said, the would contribute \$20 million Serbs want the presidency (Continued on page 7) confined to dealing with fore-

### Clinton announces accord

PRESIDENT BILL Clinton announced on Tuesday that Bosnia, Croatia and rump Yugoslavia had reached agreement on constitutional principles aimed at settling the Bosnian war and ensuring the country "will remain a single internationally recognised state." Mr. Clinton told reporters: "The foreign ministers of

Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia have endorsed a set of further agreed basic principles for an overall settlement to the war, huilding on the agreement they reached in Geneva on Sept. g. These principles spell out in greater detail the constitutional structures of the state of Bosnia."

Mr. Clinton, in a brief White House news conference announcing the results of the meeting in New York, said the agreement guarantees that Bosnia-Herzegovina will remain

"We are making progress and we are determined to succeed," Mr. Clinton said. The agreement calls for an elected presidency, a parlia-

ment and a judicial system. These institutions must be in place before a final ceasefire, ending the four-year war, can be put in place, Mr. Clinton

ign policy while local matters

including customs and police - would he handled separately by the two entities to be created. "We want to see democra-

cy and human rights take hold in our country," Bosnian Foreign Minister Mohammad Sacirbey told the AP. "Unfortunately, we are dealing with despris and tyrants who want the oppo-

Meanwhile Bosnian gov-ernment media reported Serh attacks in the northeast and rebel Serbs claimed a new Croat-Muslim push on their lines. Most hattlefields were quiet, though.
Under U.N. supervision,

17 soldiers of the Muslim-led Bosnian army, captured by rebel Serbs in fighting last summer on Mount Treskavica, 30 kilometres south of Sarajevo, were exchaoged for 17 Serb soldiers held by Bosnian povernment forces.

"This is a first step of several prisoner-of-war exchanges we have agreed upon with the Serb aggressors," Amor Masovic, head of the government PoW exchange team said.

Mr. Masovic said another swap was planned in a few days near the frontline around Tuzla, the governchange, 65 Serb soldiers are to be exchanged for 106 Bosnian soldiers and civilians, including some teenagers captured when Serbs overran the eastern enclave of Srebrenica last July.

The prisoner swap, while hmited, was another sign that the situation around the Bosnian capital was improving

slightly. A crowd of about 200 relatives and friends waited more than two hours in the government-held suhurb of Dohrinja, which borders the U.N.-controlled airport, to see their captured loved

Serb prisoners were transported from a city prison in huses to the last government checkpoint bordering the airtport, then loaded into U.N. armoured personnel carriers for the trip to the airport.

Prisoners on the Serb side were transported in similar fashion,

Mr. Christopher, speaking to reporters as the meeting got underway, underscored the fragility of the negotiations and urged the parties to "make as much progress as possible.'

"It is an important day, a time to maintain a momentum," Mr. Christopher said.

# Fresh protests in north Sudan exile

CAIRO (AFP) - New antigovernment protests have hroken out in a oorthern industrial region of Sudan, the head of the Sudanese opposition coalition said on Tuesday.

"Demonstrations have been going for three days and continued last night (Monday) in Albara and the neighbouring cines of Berher and Damer," 300 kilometres north of Khartoum, Muharak Fadel Al Mahdi told AFP in Cairo.

"Railway workers and residents have been shouting anti-government slogans and fierce demonstrations have been reported," Mr. Mahdi, the general secretary of the National Democratie Alliance (NDA), said in a call from London.

Mr. Mahdi said "disturbances" had also heen going on for three days at Ahliya University in Omdurman, the twin city of Khartoum. "Security and members of

the Islamic National Front (INF) have attacked students from the opposition and some teachers and staff." Mr. Mahdi said. An Ahliya student arrested during a wave of violent pro-tests that erupted on Sept. 11

in Khartoum faces trial for tearing up a copy of the Holy Koran in the demonstrations. Mr. Mahdi said Sudanese security continued to hold 29 students from the unrest two weeks ago.

The NDA head said the opposition coalition had decided to hold a conference in Cairo in October to he attended by all the northern opposition parties and southern rebels.

The opposition's last meeting in Asmara, Eritrea, in Juoe created a joint platform to topple Sudan's Islamic reg-

Khartoum on Tuesday accused Cairo of "hostility" for hosting the conference (see page 12).

ment's second-largest city in northeast Bosnia. In that ex-(Continued on page 7) der accord were not expected

to face any major obstacles.

borders with Iraq and Jor-

Saudi Arabia also has land

But diplomats say neither

Gulf islands and reefs and the

dispute which, like others in

the regioo, had led to tension

and even clashes between the

"I think a resolution to the

Qatari-Saudi and other dis-

putes will bring pressure on Qatar and Bahrain to resolve

their problem," said the

Saudi Arabia stepped in to

mediate between the two

states in the 1980s but failed

to bring them closer. Qatar,

to the displeasure of some

GCC members, raised the dispute when it hosted the 1990 Gulf Arab summit at a

time when world leaders

were concentrating oo deal-

ing with the Iraqi mvasioo of

Qatar later took the dis-pute to the International

Court of Justice, refusing to

withdraw the case unless an acceptable mediation was

Bahrain has rejected the jurisdiction of the court

which is expected to rule in

the case by the end of the

two GCC states.

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# S.Arabia seeks to resolve border disputes this year

DUBAI (R) — Saudi Arabia earlier led to a border clash, is actively seeking to resolve much tension between the long-standing border disputes in the Arabian Peninsula before a Gulf Arab summit in

But diplomats and Gulf sources say that while the kingdom's rulers have achieved part of their goal io recent months, resolving a territorial dispute betweeo Bahrain and Qatar appeared

to be still some way off.
"I don't see Saudi resolving that dispute before next year and before settling its own dispute with Qatar," a Western diplomat in Doha

said oo Tuesday. Sandi King Fahd, in the second such visit by a senior Saudi official in a week, sent his special adviser and longtime aide Ibrahim Al Angari to Qatar on Monday to discuss the kingdom's dispute with its much smaller neighbour and Doha's dispute with

Manama, diplomats said. The first mission was led by Abdul Aziz Ben Abdullah Al Koweiter, a minister of state, who arrived in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday with a message from the Saudi leader to his UAE counterpart.

Diplomats said the visit was all part of Riyadh's revived effort to move faster towards resolving its border

The Saudi Qatari dispute

two states and threatened the cohesion of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council

(GCC). GCC leaders last met in December in Bahrain where they agreed to resolve their border disputes before their next annual summit, a year later in Oman.

"I think significant progress is being done on that dispute (what Qatar) and Saudi Arabia won't be able to take a more active role in the Bahrain-Qatar dispute before resolving its own dispute,"

said the diplomat.

A Gulf Arab sooree agreed, adding: "Saudi Arabia appears to be keeo on ing all these disputes. Qatar too is serious about resolving its problem with Saudi Arabia.

In recent months, Saudi Arabia, the dominant GCC. partner, bas moved to resolve. its border disputes with Ye-men and GCC member Oman which has also settled

its own dispute with Sanaa.
"There is virtually no prob-lem" for Riyadh reaching a border accord with the United Arah Emirates once experts work out technical details, the Gulf source said.

Gulf sources and diplomats said similar Saudi negotiations with Kowait for a bor-

# Jordanian delegate presents his credentials to U.N. chief

Hasan Abu Nimab, the new permanent representative of Jordan to the United Nations, has presented his credentials to Secretary-General Boutros Ghali.

Bahrain nor Qatar so far appear willing to budge oo their claim to a cluster of Mr. Ahu Nimah served from 1990 as his country's ambassador to Italy. During that period he simultaneously represented Jordan in Portugal, at the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), and the International Fund for Agricultural De-velopment and the World Food Programme (WFP).

From 1978 through 1990 he served as Jordan's amhassador to Belgium, the Nether-lands and Luxembourg. In that post he also represented Jordan before the European Commission, the Council of the European Union and the

35-year-old Iraqi woman for five years followed by deportation for beating her Fili-

'The court sentenced

Janet Shamoel Shamoun to

five years in prison and

ordered ber deportation (af-

ter the jail term is served)," an official of the criminal

Sbe was the second Arab

woman jailed by Kuwaiti courts this month for beating

her Asian maid to death. Ms. Shamoun's lawyers said they had appealed against the verdict and sentence.

Officials bave said the family of the victim, 24-year-old Margaret Almogela, have accepted \$56,500 in so-called

'blood money" from Ms.

Prosecution lawyers said

tbat the payment had no

effect on the state case

to a Kuwaiti, was not in the

court for the verdict. Kuwaiti

courts do not require defen-

dants to be present in sessions held to announce

Walid Yousef Bouerki.

Ms. Shamoun's husband,

acknowledged the maid had

been beaten but said sbe died

In remarks that referred in

part to Kuwaiti hatred for

Iraq following its 1990-91

occupation, be alleged the

court had been influenced by

Ms. Shamoun's nationality

and ber former religion -

she was a Christian before

converting to Islam eight

nationality and the former

religion had a bearing on the

sentence. This woman has

been done an injustice," Mr.

Bouerki, sounding angry,

Ms. Shamoun has been in

detention since June on

suspicion of causing the death

of Almogela, who died in a

hospital from severe injuries

to her head and other body

parts, lawyers said. The

charge against her was of

"causing death through beat-

for the death penalty.

The prosecution had asked

A lawyer familiar with the

case said: "A photograph of

the victim shows marks of heavy beating. You would not helieve that it is a picture

said by telephone.

"We believe that the

years ago.

from a lung ailment.

The Iraqi woman, married

against Ms: Sbamoun.....

Sbamoun's relatives to drop a

private prosecution.

pina maid to death.

court told reporters.

European Parliament and was dean of the Arab diplomatic corps in Belgium and Luxembourg.

Earlier assignments included counsellor at the embassy of Jordan in London (1973 to 1977), attending the U.N. General Assembly in 1977; the Foreign Ministry in Amman (1972 to 1973); first secretary in the United States (1970 to 1972); second secretary io Iraq (1967 to 1970); and third secretary in Kuwait (1965 to 1967).

Mr. Aho Nimah partici-pated in the Arab-Israeli peace talks beld to Washing-ton from 1992 to 1994. He is a recipient of the Order of the Grand Cross of the Crown of Belgium, 1989; the Order of Independence of Jordan, Grade 1, 1988; the Order of

Al Kawkab of Jordan, 1966; the Medal of Pope Paul VI, 1964; and the Order of the Grand Cross of Merit of Ita-

Prior to entering Jordan's foreign service, Mr. Abu Nimah was a political commentator for the Jordan Broadcasting Service and a lecturer at the Teacher Training Ceotre, Ramallah, oper-ated by the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the U.N. Educational, Scientifie and Cultural Orga-

Born on Sept. 11, 1935 in Battir, Jerusalem, Mr. Abu Nimah graduated from the American University of Beirut in 1959. He attended Al Ummah College, Beth-lehem, from 1952 to 1955.

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Kuwait appoints Mauritania envoy

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait, thawing a Gulf war-era chill in ties with Mauritania, said on Tuesday it had appointed an ambassador to the African country for the first time since the 1990-1991 Gulf crisis. A decree published in the government gazette named Abdulla Al Sraiya as ambassador to Nouakchott. Mauritania is one of several Arab and African states whose relations with Kuwait were damaged. African states whose relations with Kuwait were damaged over their sympathy for Iraq during its seven-month occupation of the Gulf country. Kuwait downgraded diplomatic representation and ended or froze substantial financial aid to these states in response to their sympathy for Baghdad. Kuwait's Nouakchott mission has been headed by a charge d'affaires since the 1991 Gulf war that ended the occupation. Mauritania's embassy in Kuwait is currently beaded by a charge d'affaires.

### Greek jets participate in Cyprus exercise

NICOSIA (AP) - Five Greek warplanes oo Monday joined war games under way in Cyprus, the first time that forces from the mainland have takeo part in the annual exercises since the 1974 Turkish iovasion. Cyprus Televiexercises since the 1974 Turkish iovasion. Cyprus Television interrupted programming to show the U.S.-built ground attack aircraft — three Corsair jets and two F-16s — diving on hypothetical enemy targets south of Nicosia. Greek warplanes flew over Cyprus during last year's manoeuvres, but did not take part in the games, codenamed Nikiforos, Greek for victor. Cyprus Defence Minister Costas Eliades said the participation Monday of Greek air force jets in Nikiforos this year underscored the importance of the island's joint defence pact with Greece. The pact of the island's joint defence pact with Greece. The pact, signed two years ago, bas been criticised in both countries as a propaganda ploy that would not belp build up Cypriot defences. Mr. Eliades rejected the criticism. "The joint defence pact is a reality which was proved today," he said.

### Cyprus jails 3 Britons on drugs charges

NICOSIA (R) — Three Britons were jailed in Cyprus oo Monday for periods ranging from 45 to 50 days after pleading guilty to drugs possession. A court in the port town of Larnaca sentenced postman John Mancer, 24, to 45 days imprisonment for possessing speed pilits, while post office worker Edward John Dimond, 34, and businessman Paul Colin Lingwood, 25, were jailed for 50 days each for possessing 5.85 and 4.25 grammes of cannabis respectively. The home towns of the accused were not made public. The accused were arrested at an apartment in the Ayia Napa holiday resort on Sept. 11. District Judge Antonis Liatsos told the accused penalties must be a deterrent to curtial the drugs problem in Cyprus and in the holiday resort of Ayia Napa in particular. Another five British holidaymakers were jailed by the same court last week on similar charges. Police say there has been a marked increase in the number of foreigners arrested mainly in the Ayia Napa record of foreigners arrested, mainly in the Ayia Napa resort, on charges of possessing drugs, Cyprus police chief Andreas Potamaris was recently quoted as saying foreigners bring narcotics to the island to sell to pay the expenses of their

### Iran military 'close to self-sufficiency'

NICOSIA (AP) — Iran's defence minister said Monday that his country's armed forces were almost self-sufficient in weapons, and that Tehran was the best source of arms to other countries in the region. The Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) qooted Mobammad Forouzandeb as saying that "a great deal of independent countries aware of Iran's ability to produce all sorts of conventional weapons have asked the Islamic republic to invest in their military industries." According to IRNA, monitored in Cyprus, he said that since the end of Iran's 1980-88 war with Iraq," a large part? of the indigenous military industries had been converted to civilian use. He said that last year the monetary value of civilian goods produced by the military industries exceeded what they produced for armed forces He said 60 per cent of the goods were made for the civilian

### Sudan, China voice mutual support

BELJING (AP) — Sudanese leader Omar Hassan Al Bashir thanked China oo Tuesday for its economie aid and said the two governments share a dislike of wetern criticism of their human rights records. "Westerners are always using homan rights and democracy as excuses to interfere in countries' internal affairs," Lieutenant-General Bashir told a news conference. "As a Third World country, China opposes this." Allthough Gen. Bashir has outlawed the Communist Party in Sudan, along with other parties, he made it clear be and China's communist leaders agreed on some points. "Our profound rejection of begemonism and intervection in the internal affairs of other countries is a solid foundation for our cooperation," he said.

### MEA tickets to go on sale in U.S.

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanon's national carrier Middle East Airlines (MEA) will put its tickets on sale in the United States in two weeks, MEA Chairman Khaled Salam said in remarks published on Tuesday. "The U.S. decisioo to allow selling MEA tickets inside the United States has not been implemented yet. We are supposed to begin sales in two weeks," Mr. Salam was quoted as saying by the Lebanese newspaper Al Anwar. The U.S. government eased restrictions on air travel to Lebanon a week ago, allowing U.S. citizens to travel after obtaining written approval from the State Department. The decision amends a 1985 travel ban, imposed after the hijacking of a Trans World Airlines plane in Beirut, so U.S. air carriers can route passengers to Lebanon on other airlines via third countries. "It is a positive step but it is a small one," Mr. Salam was quoted as saying.

### Iran offers troops to U.N. in Bosnia.

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said on Monday his country was willing to take part in U.N. peacekeeping operations and to send troops to Bosnia.

In a speech to the General Assembly, he said if the Security Council had committed the necessary forces for the protection of "safe areas" in Bosnia, including accept-ing assistance offered by Islamic countries, the Bosnian Serbs could not bave "continued... their crimes of genocide" against the inhabitants of those areas most of

them Muslim. 'Irao... aonounces its readiness in principle to par-ticipate in United Nations peacekeeping operations, with its tenets and the fundamental principles of the charter," Mr. Velayati said.

"Here, I deem it necessary to reiterate the preparedness of the Islamic Republic of. Iran to dispatch peacekeeping forces io Bosnia and Herzegovina, which we had earlier committed along with other Islamic countries."

If the Security Council bad at least provided the necessary mandate or committed the necessary forces for the protection of the . "safe areas," including by taking advantage of the assistance offered by the Islamic countries, "the Bosnian Serbs could not have continued, with relative ease, their crimes of genocide against the defenceless people of U.N. declared safe areas."

Mr. Velayati said all countries willing and able to take part in U.N. peacekeeping "should be treated equally. and without discrimination. While a unified U.N. command structure was essential. its leadership should not be the monopoly of a handful of

# U.S. is 'extremely' pleased by self-rule expansion accord

WASHINGTON (USIA) — State Department Spokesman Nicholas Burns said Secretary of State Warren Christopher, in a three-way telephone conversation with the two leaders, congratulated Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat after they successfully concluded their negotiations on the Interim Agreement as provided in the declaration of

"The secretary is extremely pleased about the success of their negotiations," Mr. Burns said. "And I would just note that the United States did play a major part in these negotiations — as Israel and the Palestinian Authority bave acknowledged. In fact, I think it's perhaps one of the first times where there has been a shuttle diplomacy by telephone. And that was earried on by Ambassador Dennis Ross, as well as by Secretary Christ-

Mr. Burns noted that Ross. U.S. Mideast negotiator, was on the phone constantly for hours every day over the last week and at many points with Mr. Peres and Mr. Arafat, together, on the phone.... And I think both sides have credited him and credited the U.S. with having played a key role in getting them across the finish line

and to this agreement." Mr. Christopher will cut short his round of bilateral and multilateral meetings at the United Nations General Assembly to return to Washington for the Sept. 28 signing of the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord,

another spokesman said. It is likely that Mr. Christopher will return to Washington from New York late on Sept. 27. His already hectie five-day schedule of meetings

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on the fringes of the U.N. General Assembly is now

being compressed into three. Some of the events are Mideast related, so those, be can do here," the acting spokesman said, but he was able to specify only one of them. "The secretary will host an informal meeting of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee of key countries providing assistance to the Palesti-nians," he said, "and be may have some additional meetings with the parties."
White House Press Secret-

ary Mike McCurry told a questioner Monday he would check on whether the agreement on self-rule for the Palestinians on the West Bank requires additional U.S. aid, but he noted that "one of the things we have done since October 1993 is build on the work that the Israelis and Palestinians have done by encouraging and providing incentives for the ioternational community to donate to the progress the Palestinians will surely make as they implement their side of the declaration and the

interium agreement." He said one of the problems has been that pledges made were not received in timely fashion. He said Washington will "encourage others to be more forthcoming with their donations, but that applies equally to us. We've got commitments that we have made dating back to October 1993 that need to be fulfilled."

President Clinton will welcome leaders from the region on Sept. 28 for the ceremony marking signature of the selfrule agreement, and he intends to have hilateral sessions with the principals that day and the next. There will be a luncheon in the State Dining Room for dignitaries at the signing and a reception that evening.

### Iran denies receiving Woman jailed in Chinese nuclear help Kuwait for

TEHRAN (AFP) — Iran de-nied Tuesday a report that China had supplied it with killing maid uraniom-processing equip-ment that would enable it to KUWAIT (R) — A Kuwaiti court on Tuesday jailed a build ooclear weapons.

An official from Iran's ouclear energy agency said the report in the Britisb Sunday Telegraph newspaper was "totally baseless," as China also denied the claims.

Iran, a member of the International Atomic Energy Agency, "has several times reiterated that it will use nuclear technology for peaceful purposes only," the Iranian official said, quoted by the daily Tehran Times.

"Iran calls for the total dismantling of nuclear arsen-als worldwide in order to have a nuclear-free-world," be added.

The Sunday Telegraph, quoting "confidential reports," said China had provided Iran with crucial uranium processing equipment that would enable Tehran to mannfacture its own nuclear

A Chinese Foreign Minis-

try spokesman said Tuesday: "China has never exported any sensitive technology or equipment coocerning repro-cessing and enrichment of uranium and production of heavy water."

China signed an accord several years ago for the sale of two reactors to Iran, but the contract bas not been confirmed over financing difficulties.

"There is not any nuclear cooperation between China and Iran that is not under the safeguard of the International Atomic Eoergy Agency (IAEA)," spokesman Chen Jian told a oews conference

in Beijing.

According to Western experts, reports of the delivery to Iran of uranium reprocessing equipment — which is capable of extracting plutonium — were "groundless," given that Iran does not yet possess a nuclear reactor capable of producing uranium.

The enrichment of uranium is possible, but the technique requires expensive equipment, they said.

# Libya: U.S., not Tripoli is guilty of terrorism UNITED NATIONS (Agencil embargo on air transport,

Mohammad Azwai on Monday again said bis country would not extradict to Britain or the United States the two men wanted in coonectioo with the 1988 airliner bomb-

ing over Scotland. He was replying to a line in U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's speech to the General Assembly which said the Security Council had recognised the importance of countering "state-sponsored terrorism" by imposing sanc-

tions on Libya. Mr. Azwai said the suspects could be handed over for trial in the Hague, where a Scottish judge could conduct the trial.

He said the major reason Libya would not extradite the two to the U.S. or Britain was "because both countries are adversaries. They have condemned the suspects before the trial takes place." He said Libya was not guil-

ty of terrorism but its victim. He alleged that the U.S. trained and sheltered terrorists against Libya.

Mr. Azwai said that if the suspects were found guilty Libya would pay compensation. But if they were acquirted, Libya would sue the U.S. and Britain.

financial transactions should be revoked and negotiations held to normalise relations with both the U.S. and Bri-

The sanctions on Libya were imposed in 1992 for its failure to extradite for trial two men wanted in the 1988 bombing of PanAm flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland which killed 270 people. Tunisian Foreign Minister

Habib Ben Yahia called for the lifting of the sanctions against Libya and Iraq.
Addressing the U.N.

General Assembly, Mr. Ben Yahia said Tunisia "has called, in the light of Libyan initiatives for an early resolution of the Lockerbie goestion, to put an end to the emhargo imposed on the brotherly Libyan people."

These curbs were "not only burting Libya but also affecting in a seriously negative way the stability and development of all countries in the region," he said.

His reference to Libyan initiatives appeared to mean the offer by Tripoli to allow the two suspects to be tried at the seat of the World Court. But this is regarded as unsatisfactory by Britain and the U.S. which insist the two men must be tried in either a British or U.S. court.

### of a human being." he said. He said the Security Coun-JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

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Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh Tuesday reviews labour relations with Arab Labour Organisation (ALO) Secretary General Bakr Mohammad Rasoul. The two officials also discussed the need to forge closer cooperation and consultation in labour-related issues and the possibility for Jordan to utilise the technical assistance provided by the ALO to Arab countries (Petra photo)

# Princess Rahma tours youth facility in Irbid

IRBID (Petra) Royal Highness Princess Rahma Bint Al Hassan Tnesday visited Al Hassan Youth City in Irbid and met with Minister of Youth Awad Khleifat and Irbid Governor Eid Qatarneh and other officials to look into sports activities in the northern governorate.

The Princess inspected the sports city's various sections and listened to a hriefing on the types of ser-vices offered to youth in the governorate.

Dr. Khleifat announced that a special ceremony will be held at the gymnasi-um at Al Hassan Youth City during November to mark His Majesty King Hussein's 60th birthday. gymnastic Several

groups in Jordan will be participating in the celebra-

The Princess expressed appreciation of the Ministry of Youth's efforts to promote the youth movement and sports activities in the Kingdom.



Her Royal Highness Princess Rahma Bint Al Hassan Tuesday visits Al Hassan Youth

# NEWS IN BRIEF

WHÅT'S GOING ON

### Kuwaiti labour official visits

AMMAN (Petra) — Murshed Faleh Wasmi, secretary of the Kuwaiti Workers Federation for Foreign Relations Tuesday met Federation of Jordanian Labour Unions (FILU) officials to discuss propects of cooperation in workerss affairs. Mr Wasmi, who is on a severalday visit to Jordan as a guest of the FJLU, said after the talks that the FJLU bas extended an invitation to the Kuwaiti federation to send a delegation to Jordan to continue discussions on advancing bilater-

### Princess Rahma to attend health awareness meeting:

to the second of the good to have the AMMAN (Petra) - Her Royal Highness Princess Rahma Bint Al Hassan will attend a three-day symposium on Oct. 14 on the role of youth in promoting awareness about reproductive health and sexually-transmitted diseases (STD). Taking part in the symposium will be 32 participants from Jordanian youth clubs, the Arab Youth Forum, and the University of Jordan, as well as winners of the Crown Prince Award Golden Prize. Representatives of the Jordanian Society for Family Planning and Protection are also expected to attend. Participants will discuss such issues as youth problems, STDs, including the acquired immune-deficiency syndrome (AIDS), youth needs and communication

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FRANCO-ARAB FILM FESTIVAL

Lecture in French "The Arab Cinema in

the Nineties" by Mounir Radi and Samir

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French-Lebanese film "Out of Life" at

the French Cultural Centre at 6.30pm.

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SWISS CULTURAL WEEK

Exhibitions

Two photography exhibitions: "Swiss

and "Face to Face with Switzerland," at

photographers since 1840 until today,"

"The Great Death" (in Arabic) at the

Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Arts,

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Photography of Jordan, Elements in

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### Study releases 1993 figures on labour

AMMAN (Petra) — The total Jordanian labour force working abroad at the end of the 1993 was 275,000 compared with 330,000 in 1987, according to a recent study. The study found that the average annual growth rate of the Jordanian expatriate labour force was 11 per cent during the perind from 1975 to 1980. However, the study said, the annual growth rate declined to 6.1 percent during the first half of the 1980s. The study attributed the labour force immigration to unemployment attractive job opportunities abroad, the torcible migration of Palestinians to Jordan in 1948 and 1967, in addition to Jordan's genuine desire to provide the Arab countries of the Gulf with qualified Jorgan danian cadres.

### Mafraq official looks

into road accident issue MAFRAQ (Petra) - Establishing a branch for the Jordanian Society for the Prevention of Road accidents was the main topic of discussion during a meeting between Mafraq Governor Quftan Majali and Mohammed Dabbas, the society's president. Mr Majali stressed the importance of establishing a branch in Mafraq to conduct awareness campaigns, with a view to reducing casualties incurred as a result of road accidents on the Mafraq roads. A total of 114 people were killed and 2,486 others were injured during the first half of the 1990s in Mafraq Governorate alone.

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by Iraqi artist Nuha Al Radi at the Garden

'Early Morning Scribbles' by Lehanese

artist Amin Al Bacha and Jordanian artist

Rajwa Bint Ali and 'Late Night Scribbles'

by Amin Al Bacha and Joranian artist Ali

\* Works by contemporary Arab artists at

**EXHIBITIONS** 

\*Photography exhibition "Islam in Spain"

at Instituto Cervantes, Jabal Amman, at

Jordanian-Syrian-Turkish products at

King Abdullah Gardens, Al Bassam Hall.

\* Abstract artworks by Abdullah Tamimi

entitled, "Colours of Peace," at the Royal

Works by Hani Khaza'leh at the Goethe

\* Works by Lamia Abdel Sahib and Samer

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Paintings by Sudanese artists at Baladna

\* "Beneath the Waves," photographs on

\* Paintings by Palestinian artist Samira

Works by artist Ghazi 'Asayrah at the

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Badran at Abdul Hameed Shoman Found

Open Air Sculpture workshop.

\* Ceramic shop at the Lower Garden.

### Socio-economic aspects of **King Talal** Reservoir region studied

AMMAN (Petra) — A study entitled, Socio-economic and Environmental Study of the King Talal Reservoir Region, has found that the average family size in the basin area was 7.5 persons, a figure which is higher than the national average family size. The study, conducted recently by the Royal Scientific Society (RSS), said the average per capita income for residents of this region is JD 535 per annum, and that illiteracy rate was 37 per cent.

The five-volume study,

discussed the impact of developing and improving quality of water on the economic, social and environthis region, feasibility of establishing a fishery in the King Talal Dam, and establishing recreational facilities in the dam area.

# Arab states form new marine life protection council

Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Thuheirat who represented Jordan at the meetings here hailed the agreement on establishing the council as an essential platform for fighting off pollution in the

Speaking after the end of

The delegates said in a combat pollution.

the Arah League in Cairo.

# Police arrest 3 suspects in Madaba fraud cases

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Madaba police Monday apprehended three men who allegedly defrauded merchants in Madaba over the past eight months, according to Public Security Department (PSD) reports.

According to the report, the latest incident involved a soft drinks company employee who was defrauded of JD 1,647

The victim, identified only as N.F., complained to police last week that three people visited the company where he is imployed claiming they were proprietors of another commercial establishment. The victim said the men placed

Save water, every drop

a large order for soft drinks. The man told police that after shipping the products, he discovered that the company did not exist.

Authorities told the Jordan Times Tuesday that Madaba police have been receiving similar com-plaints since the beginning of the year and that many store owners said that "they were defrauded in the same manner."

According to the official, the three men, aged 49, 31 and 20, confessed to the

The official would not identify any of the suspects, hut said that they were unemployed. He added that most of the

products were retrieved by the authorities.

# **Experts to explore earthquake** precautionary measures

AMMAN (Petra) -- A. three-day pan-Arab seminar due to open here Monday will explore how to reduce earthquake damage to huildings and other

installations.

Housing and Urban Development Department (HUDD) Director General Yousef Hiyasat said in a statement Tuesday that the specialists from Arab countries participating in the seminar will encourage Arab states to work together to take precautionary measures against such natural disasters particularly in the construction of build-

ings. The seminar will revolve around four main topics, the first of which deals with the history and nature of earthquakes. The second deals with precautionary

design and materials that are earthquake-resistant, according to Mr. Hiyasat. He said the third topic

looks at ways to spread public awareness on what to do during an earthquake and how to conduct rescue operations. The fourth discusses bow to assess damage and losses, and how to train cadres in this field.

Mr. Hiyasat said 25 working papers covering the four topics will be reviewed hy the delegates who will include representatives of more than 40 Arab ministries, depart ments and research centres .... specialising in seismology.

The seminar is organised by HUDD in cooperation with the Arab League's Council of Ministers of

CAIRO (Petra) - Jordan and five other Red Sea littoral countries Tuesday announced the establishment of a regional council to safeguard the Red Sea and Gulf of Eden environ-

the meetings which were attended by delegates attended by delegates from Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Yemen and Sudan in addition to Jordan, the minister said that by protecting the environment the six countries will also be giving protection to sea wealth and marine life.

statement after the meetings that their countries will cooperate to achieve the aspired goal and urged other countries to join the council in its efforts to

The council said that it will have its head office in Jeddah, and will hold its second meeting in Sept. 1996 at the beadquarters of



'I've just got to catch up on my sleep.' (photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

# Ross Perot launches campaign for third U.S. political party

Once again, maverick hillionaire Ross Perot has shaken up U.S. presidential politics with a surprise announcement Monday that he is forming a third party for the 1996 electioo.

The Texas industrialist with his familiar highpitched twang made the announcement on CNN's Larry King Live, the same political soapbox he used to launch his independent presidential candidacy in

Mr. Perot left many unanswered questions such as whether he would seek his own party comination or if be could turn a third party into a winning force to win the presidency in 1996. A third party has never won a presidential election.

Mr. Perot said the new party's main aim would be to make U.S. politics more responsive to the American

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BEIJING (R) - Leading

Shanghai dissident Yang

paroled from a labour

camp in July, plans to leave

Wednesday for New York

to seek treatment for a

throat tumour, his wife said

Tuesday. Mr. Yang's wife, Li

Guopin, said hy telephone

from Shanghai that after months of frustrations and

false starts she believed all

obstacles had been cleared

"We've met many times

with the public security

authorities, including this

morning, and do not expect

anything besides the ordi-

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Mr. Yang's imminent departure for the United

States comes at a time of

serious diplomatic friction

Beijing has accused Washingtoo of "couniving"

with forces seeking to split

Taiwan and Tibet from

despite U.S. policy calling

both regions part of China.

Washingtoo remains the

world's leading critic of

China's human rights

record and has pressed

Beijing to free dissidents

regarded as prisoners of

As has been the case with

the handful of other out-

spokeo dissidents allowed

to travel ahroad, Beijing

pressured Mr. Yang and his

wife to keep a low profile and not to embarrass

"The authorities told us

to keep our distance from

foreign journalists, among other things," Ms Li said.

Mr. Yang, a loogtime campaigner for more democracy, civil liberties

and the rule of law, in 1978

co-founded the Association

for Human Rights in Shanghai, which officials

in China's higgest city

have refused to grant legal

He was one of thousands

of activists rounded up

after troops crushed pro-

democracy protests in Tiananmen Square on June

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the air, even the definitive name of the third party movement. He said it would be the "Independence Party" everywhere but California where it would

California is the largest state with the higgest politi-cal prize in the 1996 presidential election.

be known as the "Reform

In 1992, Mr. Perot finished third with 19 per cent of the vote in an independent bid against winner Bill Clinton, who captured 43 per cent of the vote against then President George Bush with 37 per cent.

At the time, be headed a movement called United We Stand which was not technically a third party.

Mr. Perot was ohviously stepping into a void since polls show a growing oumber of Americans disilluwith either Democratic or Republican parties and seemingly ready

folksy Perot left much np in for a new independent voice that does not express politics as usual.

"So, tonight we are going to start the process of creating a party for the independent voter," Mr. Perot said. Some political commeotators were sceptical about his

intentions.

'I think be sees politics as a giant video game for hil-lionaires," said Mr. Bush's former press secretary Marlin Fitzwater on the CNBC cable network. Mr. Fitzwater said a third party "sets him up as a broker for other candidates" who, he said, will find they cannot

meet his requirements.

Presidential scholar Mark Rozell said Mr. Perot wanted to shake up the system and get back into the political limelight being grabbed by retired General Colin Powell, who has drawn hoge crowds while he signs his autohiography on a book tour and is immensely pop"Perot is being dwarfed by Powell," Mr. Rozell told Reuters.

Gen. Powell, the former head of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Gulf War, has said he will decide in November whether or not to run as a Republican or an indepen-

Mr. Fitzwater said he thought Gen. Powell could oot win on his own, "I doo't think an independent Colin Powell can win," he said.

Mr. Perot said he would start forming the third party in three states, California, Ohio and Maine, and the party would pick a presidential candidate next

Mr. Perot said he wanted to see "some bright new faces" eotering the presidential race.

Curreotly, Senator Boh Dole leads a crowded field of Republican contenders to run against Mr. Clinton.

# Clinton sees big stakes riding on 1996 election

WASHINGTON (R) - President Bill Clintoo, revving up his political engines, said Monday he saw his reelection bid as even more crucial than his 1992 run for the presidency because his would-he successors offered "destruc-

"Four years ago, I ran because I thought there was oo actioo being taken to give us a new economic policy ... Now I think the alternative vision out there is destructive of the future we want," he said.

Mr. Clintoo, who is not yet an avowed candidate for a second term in the White House, said in an interview with newspaper journalists be was coofideot about his chances at the polls next year because voters were starting to look

He said one of the reasons for the remarkable ups and downs of his trouble-plagued presidency was "if you do things, you've got to make people mad".

In what seemed to be a veiled jah at the conservative talk show hosts who have pounded him repeatedly, Mr. Clinton said if one's critics had access to racio and television programmes and other channels of communications, "they will go wacky and they will generate animosity".

The interview took place over a luncheon celebrating the 80th birthday of Godfrey Sperling, a longtime political reporter for the Christian Science Monitor, and focused on the 1996 election campaign.

Mr. Clinton, who spent five days last week in a crosscountry campaign fundraising trip, said the policies he put in place over the last two-and-one half years were showing

"It's been a stormy time for the country, but if you look at what has been accomplished, I think the record has been good for America and will be good for our future," he said. The 49-year-old president said the main difference between him and his Republican critics is over the extent

of people's ohligations to try to help one another. "I think that if their view prevails, it may be more like the '20s than the '30s," be said, referring to the 1920s, an era when rapacious free-market policies sowed the seeds of an

economic failure that led to the great depression. He recalled that coogressional Repoblicans voted eo masse against his economic programme, saying it would bring recessioo, and that "instead we had the best ecocomic performance we've had in two or three decades".

He also ooted that the U.S. crime rate was declining. Mr. Clinton, in an ebullieot state of mind after an admitted period of self-doubt following his Democratic Party's disasterous losses in the 1994 congressional and gubernatorial elections, said he thought the voters were taking

"Last November, plainly the country was in kind of an anxious mood, a negative mood, a frustrated mood about the government," he said.

Now, Mr. Clintoo continued, "I think the country is sort of moving into a more positive frame of mind as we see more and more economic good news, and as we see more and more evidence that some of the problems we thought can't be solved, you can actually make progress on them."

### Chinese leaders hold fall meeting amid usual secrecy

BEIJING(AP) — China's Outside the Jingxi Hotel's 220 most powerful dull coocrete edifice, police Communist Party officials are meeting to set the nation's economic agenda for the next five years and punish one of their number for alleged corruption.

Important as the meeting is, officials and the stateruo media are keeping silent about it, illustrating how secretive the ruling party remains despite the increased openness of the economy and society as a whole.

Glimpses of the party's workings mostly come through back-door channels: Informed Chinese who don't want to be quoted hy name and the Beijing-connected Hoog Kong media.

According to those sources, the party's policysetting Central Committee began its annual fall cooclave Monday at a hotel on the capital's west side.

probibited cars from using the street leading to the main gate. Above the portal guarded by four uniformed soldiers, a signboard read, "Long live the great, glorious and correct Communist

Dozens Mercedes and Audis, the cars favoured by party bosses, and o couple of ambulances took up part of the vast parking lot. A public restaurant run by the hotel has been closed for a five-day "rest," according to a sign on the donr.

The first official notification foreign reporters receive of a Ceotral Committee meeting normally comes when it is over and the state-run Xinhua News Agency carries dispatches on its decisions. A report on this session is not expected until Wednesday or Thursday.

### Bones provide missing link in Haiti rights probe

PORT-AU-PRINCE (R) - With chisels in hand, a team of forensic anthropologists has been digging at sites across Haiti this month, quietly onearthing human booes that provide mate testimony to one of the ugliest chapters in the Caribbean nation's history.

The researchers, sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, hope the excavated human remains will provide an important link in determining culpability for human rights abuses committed during the three-year dictatorship by military leaders who overthrew democratically elected Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and forced him into exile.

International human rights observers have charged that some 4,000 Haitians, most of them Aristide supporters, were killed during the coup vears.

The international team, whose members had led digs at mass grave sites in Argeotina, El Salvador and Ethiopia, are lending a hand to Haiti's Presidential Commission on Truth and Justice.

Charged with shedding light oo the thousands of executions, disappearances and other acts of torture carried out by security forces during the military regime of General Raoul Cedras, the Truth Commission is oot a trihunal and its findings do oot carry the weight of a conviction.

But officials said the inquiries are important in setting the record straight. "What we are doing bere is what a police officer would do in, say, a scene investigation," explained Karen Burns, a forensic anthropologist at the University of Georgia who is participating in the one-

month dig. The carefully exhumed bone fragments, fibers, hair and clothing remains are brought hack to a lab at the capital Port-An-Prince's State University Hospital where they are analysed to determine identity and manner of

death. A pelvic booe can reveal a person's gender with 90 per cent accuracy, the investigators said, and a long bone such as a femur can be used to estimate an individual's height



### Solo oarsman crosses Atlantic

BREST, France (AP) - A Brittany oarsman crossed the symbolic Ouessant-Cap Lizard Line after 103 days alone at sea and 500,000 oar strokes across the Atlantic his liaison said. Joseph Le Guen undertook the solo Atlantic crossing to raise money for volunteer ocean rescue teams. When the 48-year-old Le Guen completes his journey, he will not have broken the speed record, but will be the first ever to carry mail between the United States and France via rowboat. Record holder Gerard D'Abboville rowed across the Atlantic in 72 days in 1980. Since 1980, 10 people have tried to row across the Atlantic. Only D'Abhoville and Le Guen have succeeded. In his eight-metre rowing shell, Le Guen has 2,700 postcards and letters from companies and the mayors of Brest and Chatham, Massachusetts, where he departed for France June 15. Stamped with American postage, the pieces of mail will be sold in Brest to collectors for 250 francs (\$50) each. Departure and arrival cards will be sold by the Stamp Collectors' Club of Brest for 30 francs (\$6) each, with proceeds to go to the National Ocean Rescue Society. Le Guen crossed the symbolic Cap Lizard Line Sunday. The Cape in Brittany is the traditional arrival point for trans-Atlantic crossings. The photograph shows Mr. Le Guen just before arriving to shore on Molene

# Ethnic opposition party stays away from Karachi peace talks

KARACHI (AFP) Karachi's main ethnic opposition party stayed away from peace talks with the government Tuesday in protest against the alleged murder of two activists in police custody, party offi-

The 10th round of negotiations between the government of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and the ethnic-based Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM) aimed at ending bloodshed in this port city was scheduled to Islamabad Tuesday.

The decision came as a mark of protest at the death of two MQM activists Sunday, whom the party has ged were "brutally tortured" and killed by securi-

The MOM further charged that the bodies were "desecrated" by law enforcement personnel. The police maintain that the two men were killed here

Norway today as during the

cold war, with informants

trying harder than ever to

get their hands on military

and political secrets, the

head of Norway's intelli-

In an interview with the

Arbeiderbladet Tuesday,

Hans Olav Oestgaard said

that "foreign espionage

operations in Norway have

intensified significantly"

"The eod of the cold war has had little effect on for-

espionage

Norwegian targets," Mr.

Norwegian industry also has much to fear from the

foreign agents, ootably in

sectors such as the oil

industry where Norwegian

companies are oo the cut-

Oestgaard said.

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Sunday in an armed confrootation with the security

forces. Tariq Javed, a member of the MQM negotiation team, told AFP that the party was not withdrawing from the talks process, nor should the action be considered a boycott of the talks,

We are postponing our presence at the talks uotil the government responds to our charges," he added. Earlier this week, the head

of the MQM negotiating team. Ajmal Dehlvi, announced that the MQM would not abandon the talks despite the fact that they were stagnating. The party has repeatedly said the governmeot is "not sincere" in

Mr. Dehlvi said the decision not to attend the talks was taken shortly before the team's scheduled departure for Islamabad. No new date has been set.

Meanwhile, there were reports of sporadic inci-

in cold war — intelligence chief

dents of arson after the decision MQM announced. Four people have been killed in separate incidents of violence in Karachi since Monday.

The MQM represents Urdu-spealong migrants from lodia after partitioo of subcontineot in 1947. Talks between the government and the MQM on restoring peace in the troubled commercial capital of Karachi began on July 11 hut have not achieved any coocrete resnlts.

More than 1,400 people have died here in religious and political violence this

The government of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto blames the MQM for much of the violence in Karachi. The party denies its involvement, blaming the nnrest on the alleged govemmeot discriminatiuoo against the Mohajir com-

# Spying in Norway as strong as

OSLO (AFP) — Foreign ting edge of new technolo-spies are as active in gy, he said. Viktor Fedik — an officer Viktor Fedik — an officer in Russia's military espi-Mr. Oestgaard Norwegian authorities are onage service GRU - was curreotly "working very expelled for trying to recruit hard at fighting illegal espionage" in the country. He would not say which countries are spying oo

> According Arbeiderbladet, Russia is among the countries that has strengthened its espionage operations in Oslo a successful agent formerly stationed in the United States has been assigned to Russia's embassy in the

paper said. In 1994, the Iranian coosul in Oslo, Mohammad Movahed, was expelled from the country for engaging in espionage against the Iranian exile community. And in 1992, Russia's

Norwegian capital, the

a Norwegian to supply informatioo oo foreign students in Oslo. The majority of ageots kicked out of Norway have been from the former Soviet Union - since 1945, 47

alleged Soviet agents have been expelled. Former KGB Leonid Sheharshin said receotly in an interview with Arebeiderbladet that the KGB concentrated its work in Oslo in the late

1980's on acquiriog secret NATO documents.

Mr. Sheharshin was the head of the KGB's foreign espionage from 1989 to

### Inquiry shows Juppe cut son's rent illegally

PARIS (AP) — A French decision anti-corruptioo panel has indicated that conservative Prime Minister Alain Juppe likely broke the law when he intervened to cut the reot oo his son's city-owned apartment, a newspaper reported.

While Justice Minister Jacques Touboo Sunday said the government panel's findings would be only consultative, the study was the latest setback for Mr. Juppe as his poll ratings sank to new lows and his budget plan came under fire.

The prosecutor's office Monday said its July 11

unchanged: That it would oot opeo a formal investigation since the rental contract was signed by Mr. Juppe's son Laureot and not the prime minister himself. But in a 10-page report

France's top anti-corruptioo investigator Bernard Challe and his panel said an official abuses power when taking an interest in an apartment "simply in a moral or familial manner," the centre-left daily Le Monde said in its Tuesday edition released Monday afternooo and widely reported in the

The report never named Mr. Juppe, hut the study was requested by Socialist lawmakers after the investigative newspaper Le Canard Enchaine in June published a 1993 letter by Mr. Juppe asking city officials that his son's rent be reduced. Mr. Juppe was Paris finance director at the time.

Mr. Juppe had his son's reot reduced about 30 per ceot lower than market rates but has argued he did the same for other reoters as a way to control reot infla-

### Home alone for Macaulay Culkin

isn't just a movie New York (AP) - Even at age 15, Macaulay Culkin apparently can't be left home alone. The actor and his siblings have been throwing wild parties while their parents are locked in a hitter child-custody hanle, according to friends and oeighhours quoted in the New York Post. They said the Home Alone star has been living it up while his parents are locked in a bitter child-custody hattle. The six Culkin kids, ages 6 to 19. live with their mother in three apartmeots in the same huilding. On a recent Saturday, Macaulay and two hrothers — 12-year-old Kieran and 19-year-old Shane - threw a beer party io the apartment they share, the Post quoted a source as sayiog. Some neighbours won't allow their kids to play with the show-hiz hrood "because there was alcohol, and the kids are uosupervised," said neighbour Lorna Buody, whose 14-year-old daughter. actress Laura Bundy, was a childhood playmate of Macaulay's Laura, who has a role in the upcoming film Jumanii with Robin Williams, can see her old friend only in her own apartment. A call to Macaulay's publicist, Cynthia Parsoos, was not immediately returned. The three younger childreo are supervised by a nanny hired hy their mother, Patricia Breotrup, "hut the older boys have no supervisioo," Ms. Bundy said, Ms. Brentrup and the children's father, Kit Culkin, who were never married, are hraced for a trial startiog Dec. 4 to settle who should wio permanent custody and professional control over the brood.

### Jackson seeks to merge publishing interests with Sony Music

LONDON (AFP) — U.S. pop star Michael Jackson is in negotiations to merge his publishing interests with those of his record label, Sony Music, the Finance Times reported Tuesday. The paper said that Jackson — who owns the rights to a number of music catalogues iocluding the songs of the Beatles, Little Richard and Elvis Presley — could merge his publishing company, ATV music, with Sooy's Music publishing subsidiary. Jackson would then become a major shareholder in the new company, the paper said. The eotire ATV catalogue — some 4,000 songs was valued at \$500 million in 1993 when Jackson sold the rights to administer it to EMI Music Publishing, according to the paper. Publishing is a lucrative area in the music market. Publishers receive royalties each time music is sold as a compact disc or cassette. They are also paid if it is

### **Bogus controller** could crash planes—report

performed in public.

LONDON (R) — A bogus air traffic controller is sending false messages to planes that could put them oo a collision course, pilots said. 'He is risking the lives of thousands, not only on aircraft taking off and landing hut the lives of people oo the ground," pilots' union chief Chris Dark told the Sunday Mirror newspaper. Pilots at the British Airports of Manchester and Newcastle reported a male voice transmitting false messages to aircraft coming in to land. The hacker used equipment that can apparently be bought legally and cheaply." The man doing this obviously has some knowledge of aircraft procedures. I cannot emphasise eoough bow dangerous his actioos are," Mr. Dark said." The authorities must act now, track this lunatic down and exact a very heavy punishmeot," said dark, general secretary of the British Airline Pilots Association.

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Doctors attend two seriously injured people at a hospital in New Delhi where two bombs went off as thousands of Hindus were celebrating a religious festival (AFP photo)

# Sikh separatists say they planted Delhi bombs

NEW DELHI (R) — The north of Delhi Tuesday Khalistan Liberation Force, a militant group fighting for a separate Sikh nation in northern India, claimed responsibility for a series of bomb blasts in Delhi, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said Tuesday.

PTI said it received a hand-written statement from the group threatening to explode more devices in the Indian capital, where two bombs went off Monday night, injuring 46 people, two of them seri-

A third bomb exploded at a railway crossing in northwest Delhi Tuesday morning slightly injured a child, but police said the blast appeared to be nnconnected to the two earlier explo-

PTI said the Khalistan Liberation Force statement was delivered to its office in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir state. Punjah, the home state of the Sikhs, is adjacent to Jammu and Kashmir.

The news agency said the organisation claimed the bombs were triggered by remote control.

A fourth explosion

injured seven people, PTI

Meanwhile police drafted in reinforcements to guard Hindu festival celebrations in the Indian capital Tuesday after the two small bombs exploded in the area.

Police said the bombs Monday night were placed on the road by the Ram Lila grounds, an area of barren land ontside Delhi's historic Red Fort nsed for political rallies and the enactment of the Hindu epics during the festival season which has

"We are preparing for the evening when the Ram Lila will be celebrated. We are strengthening the perimeter. of the ground with more police," Assistant Police Commissioner Mohan Kudaisya told Reuters.

The nearby Chandni Chowk area, a warren of alleys and lanes full of markets and bazaars in the heart of the old city, was packed. with evening shoppers when the bombs went off. A circus was playing under a big top erected outside the

"We bave made no arrests so far. There are no sustown about 100 kilometres pects," Kudaisya said.

The blasts came less than a month after the assassination of Beant Singh, chief minister of nearby Punjab state. Mr. Singh died in a car bombing allegedly car-ried out by Sikh militants in

Chandigarh. That attack raised fears of a return of the violence of the 1980s. More than 35 people were killed in the capital in a series of bombings by Sikh separatist mili-

tants on May 19, 1985. Monday night's bombs exploded 45 minutes apart, sending crowds of panicky people rushing in all directions in the already congested neighbourhood.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Pradeep Srivastava told reporters the explosives were probably "low-intensity crude devices without any timer or ignition mech-

One victim, Ram Gopal Sharma, who had gone to the Red Fort market to buy spectacles for his daughter. said one of the bombs appeared to have been

placed on a motorcycle. "I was standing near the motorcycle waiting for my bus to come when suddenly I was thrown back. I didn't

help to Pakistan."

letter to Mr. Clinton said.

time I saw flames erupting from the motorcycle," he told reporters from his hos-

pital bed. Police said many of the victims were suffering from shrapnel wounds below the

"The first thing that hit me was the deafening sound," Sumit, a 17-year-old student told reporters.

"I was lncky that moments before the blast 1 got off my motorcycle to check why the road ahead was blocked. I had barely walked a few paces when the explosion occurred.

"My friend was trapped underneath the bike which was in flames. The entire pavement and the road was flooded with injured people. Many bad lost consciousness," he added.

Policeman Naresh Prakash told the Pioneer newspaper. I was standing near the entrance of the (circus) tent when I heard a big bang... "Amid the cacophony of

crackers and songs on loud-

speakers, I thought it was a

lond cracker that had been

burst. But then I heard people shricking and I rushed know what hit me until the towards the spot." expected within the next 10 Police stop protest against U.S. arms to Pakistan

underground, test

"Nothing will happen after the second test if the gendarmes keep a low profile," said Oscar Temaru, leader of the Tavini Huiraatira Independence Movement.

: French staffed, ill-organised security forces earlier this month. The president of the terriopposed to local businessmen forming private militias and taking the law into

their own hands. "We most leave the state told a news conference.

am not hostile to the idea of an organisation or associations for passive defence, just as there are companies that supply security guards to chief executives or to protect public buildings. We already use their services." riots had done damage officially estimated at 209 million francs (\$40 million), including 55 million (\$11 million) to repair the main airport terminal which was

burned down. Some 19 other buildings

"A major military offen-

for money spent, and discontinuing large U.N. conferences until the recommendations of the previous ones can be acted upon. Mr. Christopher repeated

tarian emergencies, civil wars and health epidemics. "This evolution has placed great strains on the organisation, and revealed the Mr. Christopher's speech, necessity for far-reaching took the opportunity to fight change in how it is run,' back. Mr. Christopher said.

U.S. supports Japan, Germany

in reformed Security Council

Council

"When money is wasted in New York, Geneva or Vienna and when time is lost to bureaucratic inertia, the people who pay the Nations remain in crisis. price are those most vulnerable to famine, disease and violence," he said.

making the

unwieldy," Mr. Christopher

He said the role of the

United Nations had

changed greatly in recent

vears to have to respond to

the challenges of humani-

The United States owes the United Nations \$1.4 hillion for its regular budget and peacekeeping assessments, which are about one-quarter and one-third of the total respectively. It pays late every year.

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Madeleine Albright had said Friday that the U.S. Congress which wants to make further cuts to an alreadypared down U.N. contribution — would be more forthcoming if the United Nations showed further

reforms. The U.S. administration decided unilaterally to reduce the peacekeeping assessment to one-quarter starting Oct. 1, and Congress wants even further cuts.

It has already suggested areas for belt-tightening, including eliminating waste by privatising services, reducing paperwork, cutting staff, merging redundant

ly represented, without committees and councils, having more accountability

> the areas for reform during U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali, speaking at an official luncheon after

His officials have repeatedly stressed the harm to the organisation caused by late and non-payments, and said the finances of the United

"And now is the time to break the cycle in which inadequate resources lead to inadequate results - which in turn are used to justify withholding resources," he said, in clear reference to Washington's

late payments. "Now is the time to give support to those who must take the most difficult decisions for reform," Dr. Ghali said, adding that "the United Nations cannot be taken for granted."

On another matter, Mr. Christopher repeated a call to the U.S. Senate to ratify the chemical weapons convention "and to stop holding it and the START II treaty bostage to unrelated issues.

Mr. Christopher also lauded the Palestinian-Israeli agreement Sunday to transfer control of territory in the occupied West Bank to its Arab residents, lt is to be done formally in a White House ceremony Thursday.

"Another historic milestone will be marked this Thursday in Washington

Palestinians sign their agreement to implement phase two of the declaration of principles," he said. "That agreement will bring to life a goal first set in the Camp David accords that is, to protect Israel's security and to give Palestinians throughout the West Bank control over

their daily lives. "Japan Tuesday welcomed Mr. Christopher's remarks suggesting expanding the number of permanent seats on the Security Council to include Germany and

A Foreign Ministry official said Japan is prepared to discharge its responsibilities if named a permanent member of the Security Council under a proposed reform of the U.N. framework.

The ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Japanese Foreign Minister Yohei Kono would make similar suggestions in his address at the Assembly later Tuesday. In a separate development, France told critics of its nuclear tests Monday they were aimed at paving the way for its adherence to a comprehensive nuclear test

ban treaty next year. "Tests will be limited to eight at the maximum and will be completed by the end of May 1996, Ambassador Jean-Michel Gaussot told the General Assembly.

He was exercising his right of reply, at the end of the day, to several speakers who had criticised France and China for continning to carry out underground

# Tahiti uneasy before 2nd French nuclear test-

PAPEETE. Shopkeepers in the tourist paradise of Tahiti are taking torial executive, Gaston security guards ahead of a in Paris, said he was second controversial French nnclear weapons test

UNITED NATIONS (AFP)

- U.S. Secretary of State

Warren Christoper has said

he wants Japan and

Germany to be part of a reformed U.N. Security

Council, and that how the

United Nations is run peeds

Mr. Christopher, one of the

first speakers opening

debate at the 50th session of

the U.N. General Assembly,

blasted the bloated U.N.

hureaucracy and crificised

fiscal waste hut said

Washington was committed

to maintaining its financial

should be smaller, with a

clear organisational struc-

ture and sharp lines of responsibility," he said.
"The U.N. must not tolerate

ethical or financial abuses

and its managers should be

appointed and promoted on

The top U.S. diplomat said

the Security Council should

be reformed so that

"Germany and Japan should

become permanent mem-

bers," hut hinted that devel-

oping nations could also

have some kind of represen-

Security Council reform

has been a hot topic for the

last three years, and diplo-

mats expect a change within

the leading contenders for

an expanded "permanent

Britain, China, France,

Russia and the United

States - but many coun-

tries have complained that

such a composition would

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far-reaching change.

But independence leaders and French officials say they donbt there will be an outhreak of rioting on the scale of the rampage by poor Polynesian youths that devastated Papeete on Sept. 6, the day after the first Mururoa Atoll.

France flew several hun-

dred paramilitary gendarmes and CRS riot police to the South Pacific island after hundreds of rioters overwhelmed the thinly

Tension has gripped Sri Lanka's embattled northern

of a massive military

onslaught against the Tamil

from the region said

rains this month or early

went up in flames and many shops were looted in the up arms and hiring private Flosse, just back from talks close to the airport, 24 nuclear test

> authorities to do their work and defend us," Mr. Flosse But he added: "However, l

Mr. Flosse said the Sept. 6

orgy of violence that began in the poor Faaa shantytown hours after the first French beneath Mururoa, 1,200 Kilometres Despite the calls for cau-

tion, some businessmen are arming themselves to defend their shops and bomes if necessary.

"I keep my rifle close to hand. I also have two machetes. My son and I are not afraid of the hooligans. Let them come" one Papeete ieweler said.

Shopkeepers have formed a "passive defence organisation" to protect their property, but some say it may not remain passive if violence erupts again.

Yet the mood in Papeete appears less tense than before the first test, partly because the huge international media presence has been scaled down

Some Polynesians say mr. Temaru and his party lost support over the riots, which the French authorities blamed partly on a proindependence trade umon leader now in custody.

"I used to be a sympathiser, but after what happened, I'm finished with the independence movement," an office worker said.

A fisherman on the port of Papeete said the rioters had picked on the wrong targets. If they had bnmed down the army headquarters or the high commissioner's office, I could understand that, but it's not the people of Papeete or the tourists who are responsible for the (nuclear) bomb," he said.

Mr. Flosse said he had been told in Paris that France would complete its final series of six to eight tests by the end of March, two months earlier than initially envisaged.

#### India claims Pakistan arms and trains separatist guerrillas Tension grips north Sri Lanka amid fears of battles arms package offered to Pakistan." The demonstrators shouted "Clinton, shame, shame" and in Kashmir, but Islamabad denies the charge, saying it pro-"Pakistan, shame, shame" as they tried to scale the metal vides only moral and diplomatic support. COLOMBO (AFP) October. instances when battle plans The dead included 34 chil-

Tuesday.

they said.

# ICRC: Only total ban can halt landmine deaths

VIENNA (R) — The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Tuesday called for a total ban on land mines and described the West's proposals to limit their use to "smart" mines as highly dangerous.

NEW DELHI (R) - Police fired water cannon Tuesday to

disperse about 2,000 demonstrators from the youth wing of

Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's Congress Party

About 150 police manning barricades prevented demon-

strators from the Indian Youth Congress from approaching

The president of the Indian Youth Congress, Maninderjit

Singh Bitta, was allowed through the barricade, about one

kilometre from the U.S. embassy, and said be intended to

present a letter to the embassy addressed to President Bill

called on Mr. Clinton to "stall" the \$368 million arms sale

package for Pakistan which the U.S. Senate approved last

"There is great resentment in the minds of Indian people

due to this imfortunate step taken by U.S. Senate," the let-

"Political leaders enting across their party lines have unanimously condemned this action and the whole country

stands united to express their anger and anguish over this

The letter, a copy of which was obtained by Reuters,

protesting against a U.S. arms package for Pakistan.

the U.S. embassy in the Indian capital.

1CRC President Cornelio Sommaruga said restricting the use of the weapons to so-called "smart" mines which selfdestruct after a short time limit would set back attempts to halt the deaths and injuries of thousands of people every

We think this is extremely dangerous because it will be difficult to have assurances that these "intelligent' mines will really work," Mr. Sommaruga told Reuters. The ICRC chief was due to address a review conference nn a 1980 treaty on conventional weapons which aims to

limit the use and production of anti-personnel mines across the world. Mr. Sommaruga said it would be much easier for the international community to spot mine fields if their deployment

was completely outlawed. "If you allow 'intelligent' mines then there bas to be surveillance of what sort of mines are being used. A whole mechanism will bave to be introduced to check," he said. The United States and several Western countries are backing proposals to ban old-style land mines, so-called "dumb"

mines, that can lie undetected for years after a conflict has "Smart" mines have a short life span and are designed to deactivate automatically.

Mr. Sommaruga said the ICRC was one of the frontline organisations which had to deal with the deaths and maiming caused by anti-personnel mines in former war zones.

"In the past 10 years our surgical teams have treated more than 200,000 victims of mines," he said.

"They have fitted 80,000 people with artificial limbs and you have to remember that that is our organisation alone. There are others dealing with the casualties."

Sanjay Chandok, spokesman for the Indian Youth

"We will not tolerate the continued interference of

Pakistan," be told Reuters. "The bomb blasts were another

version of increasing terrorist activities in India by

Pakistan. We will not tolerate the U.S. providing arms and

The Senate vote permitted Pakistan to take delivery of

missiles and other military equipment beld up by sanctions

imposed in 1990 when then-President George Bush

declined to certify that Pakistan did not have nuclear

Last week the Foreign Ministry said the arms package

"History has shown that whenever the arms and ammuni-

tion have been supplied to Pakistan by the United States,

they have specifically been used against India," Mr. Bitta's

could trigger an arms race in Sonth Asia. India and Pakistan

have fought three wars since independence in 1947.

Congress, accused Pakistan of having a hand in two bomb

blasts that injured at least 46 people in Delhi Monday.

The greatest number of victims were not soldiers, but women and children, and farmers who had little choice but to till land that was once a battlefield, he said.

"Children have a tendency to play with what is strange. They see these devices, play with them and then they explode," Mr. Sommaruga added.

He said the greatest carnage was evident in Cambodia, Afghanistan and Angola. "But it is not limited to Africa and Asia. We have mine crises in Europe too, in the Caucasus and in former

Yugoslavia," he said. "There is even a problem in areas between Ecuador and Peru following their border conflict earlier this year." The United Nations estimates there to be 110 million live

land mines yet to be located in some 64 countries. Humanitarian groups, charines and non-governmental organisations are also pressing for a total ban on booby-trap devices and new, high-tech arms such as laser weapons that

can cause permanent blindness. The conference aims to pass a new document prohibiting laser weapons that are solely used to blind the enemy but the ban will not cover the deployment of laser beams on the battlefield against such targets as electro-optical devices.

sive on the Jaffna peninsula Jaffna peninsula amid fears seems to be imminent. In that eventuality, a major sbowdown between the LTTE's combat formations Tiger guerrillas ahead of monsoon rains, travellers and the Sri Lankan Armed Forces is unavoidable," the latest issue of Inside Report said

Fears of a renewed offen-The government of sive bave been beightened by a series of air force President attacks on suspected targets inside Jaffna, the stronghold of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels, correspondents "People are expecting

another offensive any time "I hope the foreign press now. There is a lot of tension in Jaffna," a Tamil civilian told reporters after crossing rebel lines and arriving at the governmentheld town of Vavuniya Rubasinghe said.

Tuesday. The LTTE's official organ. the Inside Report, said the security forces were pouring thousands of men and heavy guns into the peninsula, the symbol of Tamil separatism, to launch an operation before monsoon interests.

Chandrika Kumaratunga slapped censorship on all military-related reports Thursday but lifted restrictions on foreign Monday.

will continue to act with restraint and understand the need for us to have censorship for the local press," Information Director Ariya Chief censor Edmond

Jayasinghe said the censorship, imposed for the first time in six years, was aimed at preventing publication locally of war-related reports that could harm security forces and national

He said there had been

were published in the Sunday papers even before the operations could get underway properly.

Tamil travellers from Jaffna said that about 50 people were killed and nearly 100 wounded in the latest air force action in Jaffna. The Defence Ministry Monday expressed regret if civilians were among the victims...

"The government is not in a position to verify the accuracy of the Tiger claims of civilian casualties or as to the possible source of such casualties."

"However, if any of these casualties have been caused unintentionally in the course of the attacks carried out by the air force, it is deeply regretted," the ministry said in a statement.

The bumanitarian organisation, Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders, MSF) said Monday that more than 40 people died in the government offensive against Tamil separatists in the island's north.

dren aged under 12, the charity said, correcting figures given by them over the weekend of about 100 dead in the two days of fighting last Thursday and Friday.

tors on the ground in the region, said 34 pupils near the town of Point Pedro died when a school of 500 students was hit by artillery The LTTE, in a statement issued from its London

The group, which has doc-

office, claimed that 71 people were killed and another 100 were injured in the school bombing alone. The one-page LTTE statement said security forces intensified aerial bombing

and shelling within bours of the Colombo government slapping the censorship on all reports relating to the ethnic war.

The LTTE's 23-year-old insurgency against the majority Sinhalese government has left more than 50,000 dead, according to most estimates

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### Readying for new phase

WITH THE Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel having reached agreement on the expansion of Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories, the Arab-Israeli peace process has entered a new and critical phase upon which the prospect of attaining a comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East will largely depend.

Success in implementing the fresh accord is a responsibility that not only Israel but the whole international community should shoulder. The inflnential powers in the world must live up to the promises they made to the Palestinian leadership in order to enable it to rehabilitate the Palestinian economy, which has been crippled by about three decades of occupation. So must Israel facilitate the work of the Palestinian National Anthority (PNA) by dealing with the Palestinians in the mentality of a peace-seeking nation and not that of an occupier. That means no more arbitrary arrests, no more confiscation of land and no more reneging on commitments. The PNA's role in ensuring the success of the Taba deal is instrumental, to say the least.

The agreement represents an important first step towards building a Palestinian state. But this state should be constructed on strong foundations that transcend personalities and correspond with the aspirations of all Palestinians for a democratic country in which the rule of the law prevails. The PNA must build institutions that can safeguard the cause of political pluralism and democracy and ensure continuity in the policies of the state to be.

There is no doubt that a democratic Palestinian state will realise that its long term interests can best be served by maintaining good ties with its Arah neighbours, especially Jordan, for obvious reasons.

The fruits of coordination with Jordan were best demonstrated during the tortuous talks that led to the Taba agreement. PNA President Yasser Arafat did in fact acknowledge the impact the intervention of His Majesty King Hussein in the negotiations had on solving the problems facing the Palestinian delegation to the talks with the Israelis, particularly the issue of Hebron. Jordan has left no doubt about its commitment to helping the Palestinian people and the events of the last few years have shown the respect with which the international community, including Israel, have for Jordan. A closer Jordanian-Palestinian coordination is definitely mutually beneficial to both sides. Such coordination is urgently needed at this juncture, especially also in view of the enormous challenges that will continue to face the region as a whole.

### ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

COMMENTING on the initialing of the agreement between the Palestinians and Israel for expanding self-rule to the West Bank, a writer in Al Ra't said the implementation of the accord was more important than the agreement itself. The aecord, said Mahmoud Riwawi, will encounter many obstacles and difficulties even after it is officially signed in Washington. The writer said it remaioed to be seen whether Israel will remain committed to the agreement and keen on implemening it. The Israelis are known to be slow in honouring agreements with Arabs, the writer said, adding that the 18 months needed for the implementation of the new accord could be jeopardised by coofrontations between the Jewish settlers living in the heart of Hebroo and Palestinians in the city. The writer said the Palesonian National Authority (PNA) should start preparadons oow for the final status negotiations, which cover such questions as refugees and the status of Jerusalem. The Palestinians require the skill and efficiency of qualified politicians and academics specialising in international law to help them achieve the aspired goal, added the writer. The task facing the Palestinian National Authority is much greater ever and requires all the efficiency and skills that ean be mustered

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ANOTHER writer in Al Ra'i paid tribute to Japan for its continued assistance to Jordan and the Japanese-Jordanian relationship, which, he said, constitutes one of the main elements of regional stability. Hussein Abn Rnmman

ic that no doubt financial and economic assistance by Japan is bound to help ensure sustainable development which is a vital component of a lasting peace. Referring to the Japanese prime minister's recent visit to Jordan and other countries in the region, the writer said that it clearly reflected kyo's interests at the economic and political levels wille Tokyo's participation to the multilateral phase of the peace process demonstrates Japan's keenness on ensuring peace in an area which continually supplies the Japanese industry with oil.





Washington Watch

By Dr. James Zogby

# The war against the PLO continues

IN THE halls of the U.S. Congress, the war against the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) continues. A receng visit to the battlefield showed a most unpretty sight.

unpretty sight.
With only 24 hours notice. I was invited to testify before a House Committee on International Relations hearing on the Middle East peace process. I was the only Arab-American present, and of the other nine groups invited to give testimony, eight were Jewish. The final group invited to testify called itself the Christian Israel Public Affairs Committee.

The tone of the hearings was completely out of touch with the political realities of the peace process. The issues raised, the allegations made, and the questions asked were so utterly bizarre and fantastic that the session might have been funny — if it were not for the fact that the impact that the U.S. Congress has on policy can be deadly serious. The purpose of the hearings, it appeared, was not to gain information on the peace process but to discredit the PLO and end U.S. financial support for Palestinians.

Palestinians.

The statements made by the members of Congress at the opening of the hearings shared a set of common themes. Among them:

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Israel has honoured the peace accord while the Palestinians have not,

— The Palestine National Authority (PNA) has missued U.S. aid; and, there-

fore

— Congress ought to pass
new legislation suspendingeconomic assistance to the
Palestinians.

While a number of members of Congress spoke, the statements of three sponsors of a bill to stop U.S. aid are worthy of special attention.

What was intriguing about the comments of Republican Congressmen Michael Forbes (PNY), Jim Saxton (NJ) and Tom Delay (TX) (all Republicans) and the other speakers as well, was their unbridled contempt for the PLO and the PNA. Their speeches were filled with disinformation and betrayed an astounding ignorance. Pro-Likud groups in Israel and

the U.S. had supplied the speakers with "documentation" of alleged Palestinian violations of the declaration of principles (DoP) on which they based their arguments.

But it was not only the case that the members of Congress sought to make that was disturbing—it was also the disregard for truth and disrespect for the Palestinian leadership they demonstrated in making that case.

Listening to their arguments about just one issue, such as the use of U.S. funds by the PLO, sounded more like a bad story than a U.S. congressman speaking about a real situation. Congressman Forbes' words may serve as an example. "Despite a lifetime of mistrust of the PLO and revulsion toward their terrorist tactics," Mr. Forbes told the committee:

"I originally supported the Clinton administration's promise of U.S. assistance to the Palestinians. It is an open secret that the PLO is systematically violating the accords, yet U.S. taxpayer money continues to flow, much of directly to (PLO Chairman Yasser) Arafat and his cronies.... I can't explain this to my constituents, nor can I bear to watch an unrepentant enemy of Israel be built up with our money, posing a future threat to our ally....

"It is nothing short of scandalous that U.S. tax-payer money contioues to flow to Arafat and his anti-Israel allies.... Our ally Israel has made strenuous efforts to live up to its commitments made at Oslo (while the PLO is) systematically violating virtually all of the Oslo principles..."

Congressman Jim Saxton (R-NJ) and Tom Delay (R-TX) made many of the same arguments, but also made repeated reference to what they termed \$500 million in American aid to the PLO."

PLO."
Congressman Saxton argued that "American taxpayers have a right to know where their foreign aid money is going. ... This aid money was never intended to be used for bribes for loyalists to Yasser Arafat."
Mr. Saxton therefore called for new legislation "before we extend another \$½ bil-

lion to the PLO, given our domestic concerns..." Even a casual observer of

the peace process could not but be puzzled by such a total distortion of reality. In fact, the U.S. is not giving \$500 million to the PNA, and members of Congress who actually voted on

PNA, and members of Congress who actually voted on the legislation should be expected to know that. The U.S. gives \$75 million a year and has committed to this amouot for five years, for a total of \$375 million. The other \$125 million of Mr. Saxton's figure is not real money at all. It is a U.S. commitment to underwrite loan guarantees from commercial banks to private U.S. companies with approved projects—and to this day the agency charged with honouring this pledge has not yet approved a single project.!

The \$75 million annual U.S. commitment does not go to the PNA. in fact, it goes to the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID). AID then disburses the money according to priorities the determine are fitting with some of the money going to U.S. contractors with approved projects while another part of it goes to U.S. charitable organisations which do work in the West Bank and Gaza. And some of the funds go to U.S. consulting groups to perform studies and establish training programmes in Gaza and the West Bank.

A study has shown that about 20 of each of these dollars ends up being spent in the Palestinian lands, with the rest going to U.S. contractors.

In the past years, some AID money has also gone to the World Bank fund established to pay the Palestinian police and other administrative costs. All of these funds are separately administered by international agencies.

tional agencies.

No U.S. funds go to the PNA or the PLO directly. And according to a written statement sent to Congress by AID, the Agency is convinced that there is total accounting for all U.S. dol-

In other words. U.S. aid to the Palestinians is administered in the same manner as all U.S. foreign aid — except, of course, U.S.

aid to Israel is the only country to receive U.S. aid in cash with no accounting required.

During my testimony I asked that the members of Congress since they were so concerned with accountability and their constituents concerns in a time of domestic hardship, would they not think it advisable to apply the same standard of accountability and compliance to U.S. aid to Israel? Unsurprisingly, my suggestion was met with silence.

But, of course, just as the facts were of no particular concern at the hearings, neither was accountability. The agenda of those members of Congress who participated in this campaign was to discredit the PLO, end U.S. Assistance to the Palestinians and, thereby, undercut the peace process itself.

It appears that these hearings were called in response to press from some members of the Congress and their pro-Israel supporters. Next week, Congress must vote on whether or not to continue U.S. aid to the Palestinians. And while the committee leadership wants to extend Palestinian aid, they feel sufficiently constrained by extremist elements to provide hearings in which an anti-Palestinian propaganda war can be waged.

During the hearings, the mainstream Jewish groups which testified were quite responsible. AIPAC (the well-known pro-Israel lobby), The American-Jewish Committee and the American-Jewish Congress all spoke in defence of continuing Palestinian aid and in support of the Palestinian role in the peace process. But they were attacked by the more extremists groups and challenged by some of the members of the committee.

This split in the pro-Israel community is an important new fact of life in Washington and is one reason why the war against the PLO continues with such intensi-

Israel may be trying to make peace with the PLO, but its pro-Likud politicians and their U.S. allies and the members of Congress they influence are elearly not

ready for any meaningful peace. Too many years of anti-Palestinian and anti-Arab rhetoric have built up in Washington, and many members of Congress find it easier to play by the old rules and appeal to the extremists than to adapt to the new to the extremists than to adopt to the new paradigm of the peace process.

A compounding factor is the failure of the administration to act more forcefully in challenging congressional distortions regarding both the Palestinians and the U.S.-Palestinian relationship. While some in the administration have spoken out at times, they also seem constrained by a wariness of challenging the extremists. And so the response is more timid than it ought to be, especially given the vehemence of the attacks.

A final critical factor that contributes to this lopsided war is the absence in Washington of any effective and official PLO representation.

The Jewish groups, fed by Israeli government sources or the Likud, come to their work with voluminous files and information: transscripts of Mr. Arafat's speeches, records of PLO correspondence, detailed accounts of PLO and PNA behaviour and statements— and it is from these that they make their anti-Palestinian propaganda.

We have repeatedly asked the PNA and PLO for a response, or for their own reports on Israeli compliance with the Oslo accords and Israeli behaviour. An official and institutional Palestinian presence in Washington is required, as is a Palestinian information strategy for the U.S. and the means to implement it.

Absent this, those of us who fight for peace and Palestinian rights do so with one arm tied behind our backs — and very much alone.

In the meantime, the distortions that pass as fact in Congress and, as a result, help shape U.S. policy, have a direct impact on the coorse of the peace process and on the efforts to win recognition of Palestinian rights and establish a comprehensive Middle East peace.

# Occurred to Me By Ali Kassay

# Nouveau riche of the year

THE CHANGE of seasons is always a melancholy time. As far as seasons go, summer in Jordan is particularly agreeable. The long agrecable. days allow ample space for a leisurely siesta before bedtime, and the cool evenings are perfectly conducive to the noble occupation of idly reclining in an easy chair on a terrace, to indulge in gossip and scandal while fortifying oneself for the task at hand with long potations of some invigorating brew.

But the transition to autumn calls for reflection on seasons past, a dangerous occupation since man's brightest ideas come to him only when it is too late to do anything about them. Only now has it occurred to me that summer could be an occasion for sporting compe-

occurred to me that summer could be an occasion for sporting competition and rewarding excellence in a field where Jordanians manifest great resourcefulness: Garish weddings.

As if by an unwritten

law. with the appearance of the first swallow, Jordanians roll up their sleeves. spit on their hands, and set about with remarkable application to organise weddings in the worst taste. Fortunes are devoted to that quest. Imagination roams rampant and produces stumning special effects.

As a permanent fixture on the terrace of a certain hotel in Amman, I have seen it all: Flights of doves emerging from balloons, billowing clouds of smoke, a bridge spanning the diminutive swimming pool, and revolving floodlights reminiscent

of prisoner-of-war films. Friends and relations relate tales of greater horror where an elephant was brought to regale the guests, of a car driven into the lobby of an hotel, and even of diamonds given to the guests instead of the traditional iced almonds, doubtless on the instigation of the dentists' association.

All this takes place to the accompaniment of a cacophony of music, guided by the principle that louder is better. The tranquillity of the evening is abruptly shattered by a trumpet blast

that sends you searching for your eardrums on the floor. This announcement of the bride is followed by the professional and tuneless Zaffah, which competes with Verdi's March of

Radames, Vangellis' 1492 and Warda's Batwannas Beek to make conversation impossible.

Such devoted labour should not go unnoticed, nor unrewarded. I have taken a resolution to spend the time until next summer setting up a national panel that would assess weddings on pre-set and relevant criteria like cost of menu, height of cake, quantity of flowers, special effects, quantity of gold adorning the bride,

number of plastic surgeries which the bride has undergone, and loudness and incompatibility of music. Every autumn, the winner will proudly receive the title: "Nouveau riche of the year".

# Israel deal starts clock for Syria pact

By Patrick Worsnip Reuter

WASHINGTON — This week's Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) agreement starts the countdown for the United States to try to clinch a deal between the Jewish state and Syria, the last main holdout to a comprehensive Middle East peace.

Can the two sworn foes

Can the two sworn foes reach a settlement on an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights before the onset of Israeli and U.S. elections in 1996 means all bets are off?

The accord struck on Sunday by Israel and the PLO to expand Palestinian self-rule across most of the West Bank has left Syria sulking in the winer.

sulking in the wings.

The official Syrian newspaper Tishreen said the deal had sold out Palestinian rights and would mean that "the situation in the

open to more explosions."

But despite the rhetoric from Damascus. U.S. officials are hoping Sunday's pact will clear the way for them to re-focus their efforts on the Israeli-Syrian peace "track" after three

Arab occupied lands is

peace "track" after three months in which there has been no visible progress.

"I certainly haven't given up on that." Secretary of State Warren Christopher told Reuters in an interview. "I hope we can reinvigorate that track to make progress between now and

vigorate that track to make progress between now and the end of the year, and even into next year."

Mr. Christopher pledged that he would resume his personal shuttle diplomacy between Israel and Syria to

try to make up for the lost time.

The outlines of an agreement have been clear ever since the slow-moving negotiations began almost four years ago. Essentially, Israel withdraws from the strategic Golan plateau, which is seized in 1967, and Syria agrees to peace and diplomatic relations with Israel.

But the details involve

painful concessions by both sides, and the key question for Israel and Syria remains: Is it worth making those sacrifices for the sake of an agreement?

The Syrian maintain —

and many other Arabs believe them — that they are not going to make peace on anything except their own terms. Israeli elections or no elections.

But Washington believes

But Washington believes that, whatever the Syrians may say, the agreement with the Palestinians, following earlier accords with Jordan and Egypt, faces Syria with the risk of political and economic isolation unless it follows suir.

A U.S.-backed Middle

East and North African Economic Summit in Amman on Oct. 29-31, which Syria and its ally Lebanon are boycotting, is intended to hammer home the message that economic benefits await those who make peace.

"I've always thought that

progress on one track tends to incentivise the parties on another track." Mr. Christopher commented on the Israel-PLO accord, to be signed on Thursday on the White House lawn. "I think that's all be the effect here."

Another U.S. official put it less diplomatically: "I think (Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak) Rabin has concluded he can do without a deal with Syria," he said.

"I think (Syrian President hafez Al-) Assad knows that if there isn't any agreement now, there isn't any agreement. There's not going to be any Arab front

against Israel, nothing.

Still, some Middle East analysts believe the U.S. thinking misreads Mr. Assad's psychology, and that, having done without the Golan Heights for 28 years, he is not about to bow to Israeli terms for a peace agreement he is far from enthusiastic about.

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One U.S. official said it should be elear within about the next six weeks which way Mr. Assad has decided to go.

Some officials are also

beginning to say that the best that can be hoped for may be a framework agreement that would still require some details filled in after Israel's June elections. Those elections could bring to power a Likud government much less willing to give up the Golan.

Israel and Syria are at odds over the timing and scope of an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan.

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### By Ranjit Singh fUDGING BY recent

statements made by both Israeli and Palestinian negotiators, it appears that there has been some progress on an agreement for elections for a Palestinian council and president in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Preparations for elections, nriginally expected last July but now unlikely to be held before the end of the year, have been underway since shortly after the signing of the Declaration of Principles in September 1993. The Arafat-appointed Palestinian Commission for Elections and Local Government, the European Un-

ion and various internation-

al NGOs specialising in democratic development have been busily addressing the technical, logistical, legal and educational issues. Although a meaningful election timetable depends on the resolution of important issues still on the negotiating table (Israeli army redeployment, particlpation of Palestinians living in Jerusalem and of the opposition, etc.). an assessment of the attitudes of Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza towards the long-awaited elections is timely. Summarised below are some of the concerns expressed in bundreds of town hall-style meetings, civic education training sessions, focus group studies, and so forth, as well as in many discus-

# Palestinian elections: a necessity or a luxury?

al Authority (PNA) and other prominent national fi-

What are these elections

Expectations for elections are high, particularly among the residents of the Gaza Strip. The overwhelming majority of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza support elections for a National Council which would hold legislative powers. They are viewed by virtually all as an integral part of the statebuilding process. This majority includes both PNA officials and those not a part of the authority, including members of the secular and Islamic opposition. The demand for a legislative body comprises perhaps the sole point of consensus among Palestinians in the occupied territories.

Two central issues cloud the preparations for elections, bowever: the legal hasis, and the type of electoral system to be used. The primary hindrance for those seeking to "sell" these elections to the wider Palestinian public is the very foundation for the elections - the Gaza-Jericho agreement. From the Palestinian political elite downwards, those who oppose the amhiguities of the agreement, including some members of

the "pro-peace" camp and the PNA, point out that a flawed agreement can only result in flawed elections. Despite fervent claims of Palestinian negotiators that they are unwilling to compromise beyond a certain

point, many would prefer to see the PNA risk taking a firmer stand at the negotiatiog table to ensure no Israeli "interference". which they view as probable either through Israeli con-trol of who participates (will opposition parties be allowed?), impediments by the Israeli Civil Administration, i.e. checkpoints, the location of voting stations (in or outside Jerusalem?), and so forth. As one Hebronite member of a pro-Oslo agreement faction stated during a public meeting. "I agree with PNA President Yasser Arafat that elections must be beld as soon as possible, but not at any cost. He seems too willing to compromise the

The electoral system

future.

Among the political elite, the nature of the electoral system is hotly debated. Generally, supporters of smaller opposition parties call for full proportional representation, which would in theory provide greater opportunity for the numerous factions or parties to achieve some representation in the elected

conncil. They view the proportional system as the best means for fair representation of all Palestinian factions within the elected National Council.

Proportional representation was recommended to PNA officials by the Palestinian Independent Elections Group, an unnfficial body comprised of prominent academics, journalists and notables, in 1994, before the setting up of the official Arafatappointed elections com-mission. The commission, however, has maintained that a majority system is best suited to the existing Palestinian political culture. The commission bolds that the majority system would, while reducing political fragmentation and promotion national unity, best counter the negative effects of tribalism and large family dominance. Further, some commission members have pointed out that political parties in the occupied territories are not sufficiently developed for a proportion-al representation system.

Disagreements emerge

Thirteen months after the PNA gained limited administrative control of the Gaza Strip and Jericho, differences have opened up between West Bankers still under occupation and those in Gaza who now live with

the authority. In particular, Palestinians in the West Bank seem less at ease than Gazans when discussing the planned elections, which one Ramallah resident described as merely "a pretty theory" as long as little if any tangible improvement exists following "peace" with Israel. West Bankers point to continuing occupation, violence, land confiscations, expansion of set-

tiements and rising unem-

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unemployment as more appropriate priorities for the PNA. Some also angrily blame the international media for arnusing unrealistic expectations. "The international media has distorted reality, convincing the world that peace between Arabs and Israelis has followed the Oslo agreement," claimed a participant in a student meering in Nablus. "There is no peace. so there cannot be fair elections."

Moreover, many heads of West Bank-based NGOs are apprehensive about the PNA's intentions towards their organisations. They point to the dismissal earlier this year of Raji Sourani, director of the Gaza Centre for Rights and Law, for criticising Mr. Arafat's establishment of military courts, citing this as one example of the PNA's

essentially undemocratic character. Last year's shut down by the PNA of Annahar newspaper is also not forgotten. For this reason, some Palestinian NGOs are reluctant to become visibly involved in the election process despite their desire to do so. Others seek protectinn through partnership with international organisations. As a prominent member of a Palestinian NGO network explained: "The NGOs were the hasis of Palestinian civil society throughout the occupation, when there was no authority. They have the legitimacy of the people. But many of us are now afraid to work independently because the authority has the power to close us down or nationalise all the NGOs." These fears, justified or not, are impending the participation of at least some NGOs and individuals as grass-roots organisers, .civic educators and election monitors. It has become apparent that many in the West Bank will

#### Fears of abuses

continue to view elections

as being of secondary im-

portance, almost a luxury.

Generally speaking, Gazans are more able to imagine elections as a necessary step. Longawaited repairs to the Strip's infrastructure, the almost overnight appearance of restaurants and leisure facilities along the Mediterranean shore, a new public park in Gaza city and reduced Israeli physical presence seem to have given substance to the peace process for many Gazans, despite massive

unemployment. Gazans remain, however, no more optimistic than their West Bank counterparts regarding the potential for fraud and ahuses of power during the election process. When asked which aspects of a Palestinian electoral process would most need to be monitored independent of the PNA (i.e. the media, registration of voters, women's rights, party conduct, the elections commission, etc.), the almost unanimous response has been "all of them". Said one Beach Camp refugee and student at Al Azhar University (com-monly referred to as "Fatah University", with the neigh-bouring Islamic university labelled "Hamas University"): "The parties will take care of their own interests. But the authority is sharing no information with the public, and we can't trust them to be fair." Another Gazan, a woman actively involved in party politics, complained angrily: "Even the parties are not kept informed. I have asked my party for information about

the draft election law, because I may want to represent my party as a candidate, but they won't tell me anything." The lack of hasic information regarding the fundamentals of the proposed election process may adversely.affect the process from the outset.

At a July meeting on elections held in Gaza City hy various NGOs, a member of the official election commission was, much to his surprise, handed by a participant an unofficial draft of the Palestinian electoral law currently under negotiation. This false, inaccurate draft appears to have been in circulation for several months, and is believed by some to be a summary of the original.
The lack of information from above, despite some encouraging artempts, is crearing an environment conducive to false and misleading information stemming from other sources. Although not the intention of the PNA, such misin-formation is leading to growing suspicions, valid or not, among the potential electorate just at the time when the reverse needs to be happening. Given the high degree of politicians within Palestinian society and its very limited experience with democracy, it is necessary that the PNA should keep the public informed for the sake of huilding confidence in a new electoral system.

Middle East International

# Libya said to order mass expulsions

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who requested anonymity

sions with decision-makers

within the Palestine Nation-

Col. Qadhafi began ejecting the 30,000 Palestinians in Libya in early September in a bid to swamp the West Bank and Gaza Strip to show that the Israeli-PLO autonomy accords had failed to create a Palestinian homeland. But the campaign slowed after intense Arab pressure.

His new order on Sunday ame the day that Mr. Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres reached a deal for the second phase of autonomy to extend self-rule over the West Bank.

The Libyan official said 20 army tents bad been set up at Mosaed to "honse the ejected Palestinians so their travel papers can be sent to the Egyptians for permission to enter."

Cairo bas refused entry to Palestinians at Salloum if they cannot prove they bave permits to travel directly through Egypt to either Gaza or Jordan.

Some 5,000 Palestinians, "perhaps far more," bave crossed through Salloum since the start of the month, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said

in Cairo. Most had gone on to Gaza and Jordan, but 21 remained trapped for over three weeks in "appalling conditions" in no man's land near Salloum, Panos Moumtzis, the UNHCR head of foreign relarions, said.

"It's like a rubbisb dump" with no shelter or supplies,

that he had seen the Libyan tent camp during a visit to Salloum on Monday. He warned the problem of the expulsions is "just being dumped from one border to

another,' The Jewish state is refusing entry to those who cannot prove they have permanent residence in the Gaza Strip, wbile Lebanon has slapped

visa restrictions on Palestinians kicked out of Libva. Jordan also set up a camp at its southern port of Aqaba as a "sorting" station for Palestinians returning or transiting the country enroute to the West Bank, Mr.

Moumtzis said. The camp, named Al Rabia, would house 158 stranded Palestinians wbo first group of 89 Palestinians had already arrived at the camp and "a second batch is expected very soon," he said.

Another group of 40 left Sunday for the Egyptian border post of Rafah to cross into the Gaza Strip, where they bad residence, but Mr. Mountzis could not confirm

if they had arrived. Two hundred more Palestinians crossed from Lihya through Salloum on Monday en route to Gaza, he said.

Libya has quietly squeezed out its Palestinians over the past four months, hut the campaign intensified in early September with Col. Qadhafi urging Arab nations to follow

those kicked out of the coun-

said Mr. Moumtzis, adding try by setting up a committee and has drawn up plans for transportation,

Those expelled would be returned home in trucks and buses hired from Lihyans and taken to three centres in Mileit, Hamrat Al Sheikh in the west and Dongola in northern Sudan.

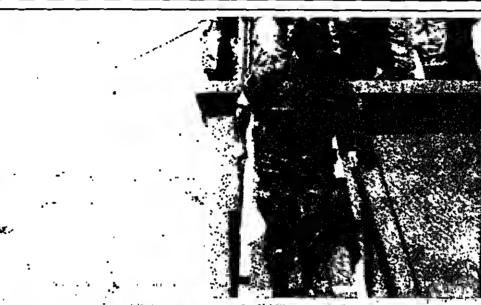
Senior Sudaoese official Tajeddin Al Mahdi had left for Libya 10 days ago to try to regulate the situation and was working to arrange the transport home of Sudanese without residence permits or working contracts, who had entered Libya without per-

Earlier, there had been reports that Libya - under pressure from Egypt and the Arab League — had agreed to balt the expulsions and even let some of the Palestinians return.

But amid further deportations, Palestinian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Kaddoumi met Libyan Arab Affairs Minister Gumaa Al Fazani last Thursday to try to resolve the dispute, but failed, said Mobammad Sobeih, the Palestinian envoy to the Arah League.

Meanwhile, there are signs the Lihyans are seeking to hire Iraqis to replace other Arah nationals.

Last week Libya dispatched a recruiting delegation to Baghdad, Iraqi sources said on condition of anonymity. There are now some 65,000 Iragis in Libya, mainly teachers and doctors as well Sudan had moved to help as industrial and agricultural



EXERCISES: Scenes from a field visit that His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, paid on Tuesday to units of the Armed Forces and the Special Forces where he watched exercises and inspected the units' equipment and training programmes (Armed Forces photo)



# King reaffirms stands

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ten the Palestinian people cach a position where they can decide by their own volition on this choice.

The King reiterated Jordan's position vis-a-vis Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. Jordan never supported the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait, the King said, noting that he himself tried bis best to contain the problem within the Arab context and to reverse the Iraqi action in Kuwait.

"I have never been for the occupation of Kuwait and I spoke time and again of the madmissibility of acquisitioo of territory by war," the King

On the Palestinian-Israeli autonomy agreement, King Hussein said that Jordan welcomes the accord, considering it as a positive achievement. He reaffirmed Jordan's support for the Palestinians and continued cooperation with them. The King voiced bope that elections will be beld in the near future in the West Bank and the Gaza

Strip.
On the future of Aordanian-Palestinian relaons, King Hussein said that Jordan maintains unique relations with the Palestinians, but that talking about a possible federation should be left to the free decision of the two

peoples.
"Our Palestinian brethren are the closest to us and we are closer to them than all Arabs in history and geography and equal suffering," the King said. They bave learned to bave their say regarding their future, and sought to recover their rights on their land, the King said.

Earlier on Monday, the King addressed the parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe and also met with senior officials from the European Parliament, including President Miguel Martinez and senior representatives from the EU mem-

Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor and the delegation accompanying them arrived in Washington

Tuesday. They were received upon arrival by Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs Robert Pelletreau, the chief of the White House protocol department, the head of the State Department's desk for Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Palestinian affairs and Jordan's ambassador in Washington Fayez Tarawneh and senior emhassy staff, Jordan's permanent representative to the United Nations Hassan Ahu Nimeb and senior White House and State Department

In Washington, the King and Queen will attend a ceremony at the White House on Thursday where Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabio will formally sign the autonomy accord that the two sides worked out and initialled in Taha, Egypt, on Sunday.

### Balkan ministers meet at U.N.

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to search for an agreement on constitutional issues on the presidency and the parliament," he said.

Tuesday's round of talks was to build on an agreement reached on September 8 in Geneva that calls for the creation of two entities in Bosnia-Herzegovina: A Muslim-Croat federation vent another Bosnia.

"I bope there is a possibil- headquartered in Sarajevo ity to move beyond Geneva that would retain control over 51 per cent of the territory and a Bosnian Serb "republic" covering the remaining 49 per cent.

Russia's foreign minister told the general assembly Tuesday U.N. peacekeeping must be radically improved to give force to justice and pre-

# 'Accord not final yet'

(Continued from page 1) to pay for the observer

Dr. Erekat said two other issues left unresolved in the new Israel-PLO agreement were the list of Palestinian prisoners scheduled to be released Thursday, and the PNA's demand that Israeli troops pull back further from

gained autonomy in May The PLO's chief negotiator, and economy minister,

Jericho and the Gaza Strip

Ahmad Qouriea, said Monday that Israel will release about 1,500 Palestinian prisoners, including women, for Thursday's signing in Washington of the agree-

Dr. Erekat did not suggest that the signing would be delayed by the outstanding problems.

A second wave of about 1,500 of the estimated 6,000. prisoners would be freed after the elections to the autonomy council.
"The remainder will be

freed during negotiations on the final status," of the Palestinian territories, which are set to start next May, he

said. Israel and the PLO have created a joint ministerial committee to discuss the numbers and exact dates for prisoner releases.

Palestinian reaction to the

accord ranged from eager anticipation in the northern West Bank town of Jenin where the Israeli withdrawal will begin to cries of sell-out in the southern town of Heb-

Israel's normally voluble political voices were silent because of the national holiday to mark the Jewish new

On Sunday when the accord was announced right-wing Israelis attacked it as a danger to Israeli security. Hamas rejected it as an

lives," he said. attempt to "consecrate the Israeli occupation" of Palestinian land. Other handline Palestinian

groups called it a capitulation that entrenched the presence of more than 140,000 Jewish settlers in the West Bank and

# Iraq, Kuwait resume talks

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yet." compensation expert Adel Assem told Reuters. Mr. Assem, general manager of the public authority for assessment of compensation for damages resulting from Iraqi occupation, was confirming an official Kuwait News Agency report quoting

him as disclosing the figure.

He added that the figure was additional to the \$94.8 billion in claims the authority has already filed to the U.N. Compensation Committee, a

Geneva-based body managing the payment of occupa-

tion damage compensation. Diplomats say the environmental claim covers the cost of repairing damage to desert, maritime and coastal areas, ground water resources and losses associated with environmental health.

In the last days of the occupation Iraqi troops torched or damaged 700 oilched or damaged 700 oiling earlier in the day on the wells, three refineries and a sidelines of the U.N. General tanker loading terminal. The Assembly.

last well was extinguished in late 1991. Large areas of coast and desert were covered with oil for months.

France meanwhile urged Iraq to accept a U.N. resolution allowing it to export crude oil to purchase humanitarian goods, such as food and medicine.

French Foreign Minister Herve de Charene told reporters late Monday that he made the recommendation to his Iraqi colleague Mohammad Al Sahaf during a meet-

### Arafat seen winning support

(Continued from page 1) it was sidelined by Mr. Arafat dle East, the newspaper said. after he signed a framework peace agreement with Israel At least seven of its mem-

bers, including representaby Israel in 1967. tives of hardline movements, have boycotted its meetings in Tunis, still officially the PLO's beadquarters. Mr. Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

Rabin will sign the self-rule agreement at a White House ceremony in Washington. Mr. Arafat bad said bis deal with Israel would "no

doubt" pave the way for a Palestinian state. "It's our right to look forward. It is a dream of our

in 1993.

people," Mr. Arafat said on Monday. "No doubt it will not be easy but we bave to work for he said, adding that be will be accurate" of the agreement which comes 16 months after the launch of autonomy in the Gaza Strip

and Jericho in May 1994. Mr. Arafat was to visit Paris and London for official talks on Wednesday before flying to Washington where the agreement will be signed at a ceremony hosted by U.S. President Bill Clinton. The PLO chairman will

hold talks with French President Jacques Chirac at the Elysee Palace and will also see his wife and baby daughter, who was born in a Paris bospital in July. After his France stopover

he will meet British Prime Minister John Major in London, before heading for the United States late Wednes-

In New York, Secretary of State Warren Christopher told the opening session of the U.N. General Assembly on Monday that the Israeli-PLO accord was a "bistoric milestone" and urged the world body to help further

the peace process.
"That agreement will bring to life a goal first set in the Camp David accords — that is, to protect Israel's security and to give Palestinians throughout the West Bank control over their daily

Syria said meanwhile the PLO-Israeli accord would not force Syria to soften its stand and sign a similar agreement with the Jewish state. "No doubt Rabin and his

government found the caricatured negotiations on the Palestinian track easy," the official daily Al Baath said. "But Rahin commits a

can apply the same model of self-rule talks on the Syrian track." It said the PLO-Israel accord will not push Syria to make peace with Israel.

deadly mistake if he thinks he

"The surrender of one or more Arah party does not concern anybody but the parties themselves, and despite its dangerousness it will not affect the solidness and firmness of the Syrian stand," Al Baath said.

Israel's peace deals with Arah parties carried the seeds of further "disorder and aggression" in the Mid-

Syria's peace talks with Israel, launched in 1991, are stalled over withdrawal from the Golan Heights occupied

Syria demands full Israeli withdrawal from the Heights. Israel wants Syria to agree to full normal ties with the Jewish state before revealing the

scope of withdrawal. Al Baath accused Israel of blocking the peace talks on the Syrian-Israeli track.

Peace according to Syria carries clear meanings which could not be subject to bargaining or abandoning any of the legitimate rights," it

The European Union (EU) - welcomed the accord, "The European Union expressed its profound satisfac-

tion with the signing of the move towards the second phase of Palestinian autonomy, as set down in the declaration of principles," said a statement issued in Madrid on behalf of the EU, whose presidency is currently held

hy Spain. The EU applauds the farsighted and bold stances of both sides, which manifest their sincere desire to achieve a real and lasting peace in the Middle East.'

It went on to say the EU
"urges Israelis and Palestinians to keep working with the same determination to accomplish the final objectives of the peace process." U.S. President Bill Clinton

views the signing of the Israel-PLO accord as an opportunity to advance Middle East peace, his spokesman said Monday. "The Palestinians and Israel have taken a very important step forward," White

House spokesman Michael McCurry said. The president sees the signing ceremony Thursday "opportunity to work on the Middle East peace process, he said, hut cautioned that no break-

through was expected. Mr. McCurry said a "husinesslike" tone would likely dominate the cere-

No final schedule oo the day's events was available yet, he said.

Sunday the president telephoned Mr. Rabin, Mr. Arafat, Egyptian President Hosni Muharak, King Hussein and King Hassan of Morocco to express his pleasure with the Israel-PLO accord and to invite them to the signing ceremony.

The White House did not specify who had accepted the president's personal invitation. Mr. McCurry said that King Hassan did not plan to artend because of a schedule problem.

The administration does not expect representatives of Lebanon and Syria higher than ambassador-level, he added.

Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez will represent the EU at Mr. Clinton's invitation, his spokesman said in Madrid Monday.

# Europe unlikely to turn to M.E. for gas

ABU DHABI (R) - Middle opportunity to capture." East gas producers will struggle to secure export markets in Europe despite projections of growing European gas consumption and uncertainty over future Russian supplies, I experts have said.

Multi-billion-dollar liquefied natural gas (LNG)
I projects are being developed ( in Qatar, Oman and Yemen but only Qatar has so far managed to secure firm sales agreements and rhese are predominantly with Japanese energy companies.

Hopes that Gulf projects could be underpinned by sales to European power utilities and industrial consumers operating in an increasingly deregulated gas market are now being ques-

'Europe will be a very difficult and challenging

BRUSSELS (R) — Euro-

pean monetary union suf-

I day as a chorus of central

bank governors and diplomats called for caution in pursuit of a 1999 deadline.

The European Commis-

sion, increasingly the lone

guardian of the Maastricht.

It treaty, tried desperately to

q ABU DHABI (AFP) —

a Qatar's economy is set to

overcome the effects of weak

oil prices and pick up in the

next few years when the Gulf.

OPEC producer completes

one of the biggest gas li-quefaction projects in the world, an official report said

By 2000 Qatar will be able

to export 16 million tonnes of

consumers and production

will jump to 24 million tonnes

S five years later, said the re-

t port by the Kuwait-based Arab Corporation for Invest-

ment Guarantee (ACIG).

role in the Qatari economy in

after the completion of LNG

the medium and long terms

projects," it said. "For the

time being, however, the eco-

nomy will remain under the effect of fluctuating oil prices

I and other external factors."

Qatar bas embarked on

multi-billion-dollar projects to tap its giant North Field.

the biggest reservoir of natu-

ral gas in the world, with

estimated reserves of around

7.09 trillion cubic metres

t (236.3 trillion cubic feet).

1 Helicopter part

"Gas will play a significant

liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Japan and other Asian

fered a further setback Mon-

Geoffrey Roberts, president of electricity utility Enron Europe Ltd told delegates at a conference on Middle East gas in the United Arab Emi-

Europe will import its future gas needs from Russia. Algenia, Nigeria and the North Sea because of their price competitiveness over long-haul LNG supplies from new plants being built in the Gulf.

Though Europe is vulnerable to possible gas supply disruptions from Russia in future, investments in gas pipeline export capacity in the Norwegian and British North Sea would satisfy northern European demand while growing Algerian sup-

"Middle East LNG makes little sense (for Europe) in the plannable future," James Ball, senior partner at consultants Gas Strategies said,

projects would be \$4 per Million British Thermal Units (MBTU) compared to \$2.89 MBTU for incremental supplies from Algeria, Mr. Ball

Though Middle East gas producers could compete for sales to Greece and Turkey, they needed \$5 per MBTU to make a 15 per cent return on a northwest European round trip of over 12,000 miles (20,000 kilometres), Michael

number of top-level officials

question the logic of a monet-

ary union with either too few members or one enlarged on

the basis of a generous read-

ing of the treaty's require-

President Hans Tietmever

said the timetable for a single

figures on Qatar's future in-

come from LNG sales. But

experts said they expected

such sales to fetch as much as

oil, depending on price terms

Qatar is a relatively small

oil producer, with an output

capacity of around 430,000 barrels per day (b/d). With its

crude reserves standing at

nearly four billion barrels.

they could last around 25

years at present output

Its annual oil exports earn-

ings have ranged between \$2.8 billion and \$3.2 billion

over the past five years. But

they could rise if prices main-tain their level in the near

future and Qatar pushes

ahead with projects to raise oil output capacity to around

"In the short-term LNG projects in Qatar will benefit

economic activity as they will

attract foreign labour, which

will contribute to increasing demand for houses and con-

sumer goods. Western part-

nership in gas projects will

also sharply boost foreign in-vestment in the country," the

500,000 b/d.

report said.

in the supply contracts.

in Germany, Bundesbank

Corke of analysts Purvin and International Gas said.

Gulf LNG export prices to Europe were bigher than its competitors because of the cost of long-haul shipping and the investment needed to. build new gasification trains rather than expand existing

Western European companies are reported to be reluctant to pay more than \$2.50 per MBTU to diversify

term sales contracts to Far East and Asian customers where higher prices could be guaranteed, delegates said.

# Delegates from Gulf state

oil and gas companies also agreed that their marketing focus had to remain with the main consumer markets in the Far East when exports start in the new decade.

"If Europe can rely on Russia... the biggest market will be in the East," an Omani delegate told Reuters.

Plans for giant crossborder gas pipelines stretch-ing from the Middle East to Europe remain on the drawing board but they will have difficulty in securing finance, delegates said.

Demand for gas in Western Europe will hit 338 million tonnes of oil equivalent at the turn of the century and 433 million in 2010 from 261 million in 1993, Purvin and Gertz figures show.

# Saudi economy seen as stable in short-term

ABU DHABI (AFP) - The Saudi economy looks likely to stabilise in the short term as the Gulf oil heavyweight pushes ahead with reforms to offset weak crude prices and expand non-oil sectors, experts have said.

The kingdom, which controls more than a quarter of the world's crude reserves, has slashed an alarming budget deficit and announced a five-year spending plan that could absorb any fluctuation in oil prices.

This will help attract fore-

ign capital and encourage the private sector to maintain its economy, the experts said. pected to stabilise in the short

push into the state-controlled "The Saudi economy is ex-

week when German Finance

Minister Theo Waigel told a

closed-door session of the

German parliament that Italy

would not be among the first

wave forming a single curren-

His remarks shook the Ita-

lian government, prompting Prime Minister Lamberto

Diri to ask for a delay of one

or two years for countries like

Italy to meet the treaty's

But while the Germans at

first appeared alone in their

concern, it has become appa-

rent that others share in their

desire for a more cautious

Italian central bank gov-

ernor Antonio Fazio told a

subcommittee of the Euro-

pean Parliament that the

rules governing economic

and monetary union should not be "weakened or made flexible"

He also welcomed any

efforts that would strengthen

budget discipline after the

flexible.

term following external economic and security shocks that have slowed down growth rates," the Arab Corporation for investment Guarantee (ACIG) said in a

"Such stability means the government is determined to adopt rational policies to manage the economy. In the face of internal and external challenges, stabilisation of the Saudi economy is itself an accomplishment," the study added.

The study, published in ACIG's 360-page Arab report for 1994, said Saudi Arabia had managed to cut the budget deficit to 3.3 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP) in 1995 from as high

Dutch central bank presi-

dent Wim Duisenberg said

that many memher states

would not meet the criteria.

but stressed that they should

member states will have great

difficulty rounding off their

macroeconomic preparations

for the start of phase three."

Mr. Duisenberg told a finan-cial forum in Belgium.

Hinting at the possibility of

delay, Mr. Duisenberg added; "Introduction of a

single currency should not be

forced, because it will reduce

the public's acceptance of the

Financial market partici-

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be strictly applied.

as 8.8 per cent in 1994. This was done through a spending cut to 150 billion Saudi rivals (\$40 billion) from 160 billion riyals (\$42.6 billion) and a projected increase

in earnings to \$36 billion from \$32 billion. The forecast rise in revenues was based on an increase in income from oil exports and service fees after the government hiked some

service charges.
ACIG, a Kuwaiti-based Arab League institution, said several sectors in Saudi Arabia were projected to record positive growth rates in the short term.

They include exportoriented industries, petrochemicals, food products, bank ing, education, communication, water and electricity. and defence.

But other sectors were expected to register negative growth, including the public sector, oil, contracting, agriculture, cement and other building materials, realestate and public works. ACIG said.

It gave no figures but the Saudi economy has sharply slowed down over the past decade due to a drop in crude prices. In 1994, the private sector grew by around five per cent while the government sector shrank.

"There is no doubt the new. five-year development plan . will contribute to stabilisation of the Saudi economy," a Saudi economic expert said.

The plan envisages lower expenditure but this will be offset by projections of higher investment and a greater role by the private sector."

The 1995-1999 plan, announced by Riyadh two months ago. forecast spending at an average \$40 billion a . year, much lower than the 1993 expenditure of around \$52 billion.

### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR WEDNES-DAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1995

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) This is a good day for having guests in and treating them royally and deepening relationships. Make surroundings more attractive.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May with others more as you want them to be today and gain greater success. Walk and drive with care.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Get your business dealings with others on a more ideal basis and tonight can be brighter. Make needed repairs on property.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You are magnetic today and gain favours from others easily if yon show more affection for

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You feel satisfied and happy today and should do something thoughtful for the less fortunate. Surprise your mate with a present.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Being with good pais and showing affection can bring fine benefits today. Show others how

much you really like them. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You have an opportunity to gain the favour of a bigwig today who can help you to get ahead

faster. Cooperate with outside partners. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) This is a good day to make a fine impression on new contacts who bave excellent ideas to exchange

with you. Show affection for your loved one. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You are

alert to goings-on around you today and particularly where the practical is concerned for your success. CAPRICORN: (December 22

to January 20) You can hand-le civic affairs today which can be of benefit to you, so get busy at them. Read contracts carefully.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Try to be more efficient at whatever your duties bappen to be and add beauty to them as well. Organise financial affairs.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You bave an opportunity to arrange for more pleasure in the days ahead, so get your ideas worked out carefully.

Birthstone of September: Sapphire — Lapis Lazuli

rates capital Abu Dhabi. Conference speakers said

quell the rising tide of doubt more precarious as a growing

plies would capture new mar-kets in the Mediterranean;

and argued for no deviation

from the path agreed by member states in 1991 of

economic and monetary un-

ion (EMU).
"We must not deviate from

the road set out for EMU."

commission President Jac-

But its position has become

Gas projects to boost

Qatari economy

The government, which

owns the majority of shares

in the projects, has signed supply contracts with Japan,

India, Turkey, Taiwan and

South Korea and is looking

for more clients to get the three ventures off the

Long-term supply con-tracts are essential for any

LNG project to be carried out as gas is not sold on the

spot market like crude oil.

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three projects although LNG

ventures cost much more than oil projects. They be-

lieve the LNG projects will

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ACIG's 360-page report for 1994, obtained in Abu

Dhabi, said LNG consump-

tion stood at around 44 mil-

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and other East Asian nations

and would grow by nearly 50

"This means Qatar will be

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ACIG, a key Arab League

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adding that current gas sales from Abu Dhabi to Belgium and Spain would remain limited. The delivered cost of LNG to Europe from one of Qatar's three advanced LNG

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Gulf LNG projects would have to mainly rely on long-

"It seems inevitable that the large and growing de-mand for gas in Asia will be met from the Middle East," Arthur Dixon, general mana-ger of marketing at Shell

currency should take a back

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Germany has been at the

forefront arguing for strict

nomic criteria on concerns

that too liberal a interpreta-

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Despite the basic Maas-

adherence to the treaty's eco-

Europe's single currency hopes thrown in doubt unclear at present," the German central bank chief said in a speech ro a Frankfurt con-

> His views were echoed by officials in Bonn who suggested there might be a slight delay to the official 1999 start

-The furore over monetary union was unleashed last

# Rupee's fall to help India meet export target

dian rupee's sharp fall against the U.S. dollar will help the country meet its official export target of \$3.15 billion for 1995-96, foreign trade chief Sbyamal Ghosh bas said.

"The target will be achieved especially due to

achieved especially due to the recent developments on the exchange rate front," the director general of foreign trade told exporters at the Synthetic and Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council.

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Mr. Ghosh said India needed to significantly increase exports in order "to reclaim our share in global

"In 1900, India had a 10 per cent share of the global trade. It fell to 2.5 per cent in one per cent if we meet the official target of \$75 billion by 2000," he said.

Mr. Ghosh said New Delhi



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He said exports were up 29

per cent in the first four months of the fiscal year which began April 1 but called for vigorous efforts to better export performance. The rupee has fallen to a low of 35 rupees to the dollar

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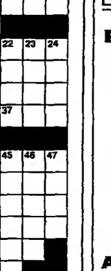


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A review of economic news from the Arabic press

### Study: A family needs JD 580 minimum income per month

\*\* A MINIMUM of JD 580 is needed in monthly income to cover the basic needs of a Jordanian family, a fresh study by the Consumer Protection Society has revealed. The study covered bousing, food, education, bealth and the services related to these areas. The average family income in Jordan is between JD 120 and JD 200 whereas the annual per capita income is JD 1,300.

The study, which was based on a national sample taken from different social grades, reflected the divergency in incomes and oeeds required to satisfy these sectors. The sample consisted of 2,944 families of whom 556 families (or 19.6 per cent) bad an income less than JD 150 a month. The other portions of the sample were:

- 1,236 families (or 41.8 per cent) with a monthly income of between JD 150 and JD 299

-504 families (or 16.9 per cent) with a monthly income between JD 300 and JD 449 — 315 families (10.5 per ceot) with a monthly income betweeo JD 450 and JD 599

- 101 families (3.4 per cent) with a monthly income between JD 600 and JD 749 - .222 families (7.75 per cent) with a monthly income more than JD 750. (Al Dustour)

\*\* ACCORDING TO NA... BIL Ammari, secretary a Planning, there was a "small" three per cent rise in the average per capita annual income recently. He pointed average annual in come in Jordan was between \$1,500 to \$1,600, an increase of \$45 in a year. Dr. Ammari stressed the importance of attracting foreign investment saying that it would "reduce the ratio of consumption to the gross domestic product and, as such, lift the per capita income to reach be-tween \$2,000 and \$2,200 per year on the assumption that the average rate of growth would reach six per cent annually." The official indicated that in order to achieve a tangible economic improvement the ratio of foreign investments to the gross domestic product should come up to 30 per cent (Al

★★ A \$15 million syndicated bridge loan agreement for Jordan Mobile Telephone Service Co. Ltd has been signed at Arab Bank head office/Sbmeisani. Present at the signing ceremony were the representatives of the carticipating banks, guaran-tors and the borrower. The loan is managed by the Arab Bank and is guaranteed by Citibank, N.A/Bahrain, the Housing Bank, the Union Bank for Savings and Investment and the Arab Banking Corporation, Jordan. The loan will be utilised as a bridge facility until the borrower obtains a loan from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to finance the investment cost of the mobile telephooe project to be initiated by the borrower. The loan, which is managed by Arab Bank, include the following participating banks in addition to the Arab Bank; the Housing Bank, Citibank, N.A./Amman, Union Bank for Savings and Investment, ANZ Grindlays and the British Bank of the Middle East.

\$ FOR THE third time, the Tourism Investment Department at the Social Security Corporation is advertising its invitation for investors to ake charge of the Al Azraq Tourism Resthouse against an annual fee. Only offers from specialised tourism or hotel institutions will be accepted until 12 noon on Monday, Oct. 2, 1995 (Al

# IDB invites investors to benefit from risk capital programme

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Industrial Development Bank (IDB) marked its 30th anniversary Tuesday with a call on Jordanian entrepreneurs who lack finance to realise their business ideas to take advantage of an IDB risk capital programme that offers up to ID 850,000 for feasible projects. IDB Chairman Munther Fahoum and Director-General Rajab Sa'd made the call at a press conference,

where they also outlined the general activities of the IDB

since its inception in 1965 and

how the state agency contri-

velopment of the Kingdom. They said the IDB had up to \$6.5 million available for the risk capital programme under which the bank takes a certain percentage of equity in commercially feasible industrial projects and retains the equity participation for a period of 20 years before asking the entrepreneur to buy out the IDB.

In return, the IDB will absorb losses, if any, as well as take a share of the profits. However, the programme has not drawn enough attention from Jordanian entrepreneurs, said Mr. Faboum. "It is not a problem of

buted to the industrial de- availability of funds," he said. "It is a problem of demand. People do not seem to be aware of the existence of the programme."

We call upon our young men with innovative ideas and projects to contact the bank if they lack capital to implement them," said Mr.

The IDB has already extended about JD 1.5 million to 27 projects under the risk capital scheme and turned down only one application because the project was not found to be feasible, said Mr.

An individual project could seek up between JD 20,000 and JD 250,000 under the risk capital scheme, and if it has a partner from any of the European Union (EU) countries then it could seek up to JD 850,000, he added.

"We now have about five millioo ECUs (European Currency Units), about \$6.5 million available under the scheme," said Mr. Sa'd, noting that the funds had come from the European Investment Bank (EIB) under bilateral protocols signed by the government of Jordan and the European Union.

"We have not exhausted the source, and there are also other sources for funding the

scheme," added Mr. Africa (MENA) economic Fahoum.

In its regular operations. the IDB, which finances projects in the industrial and tourism sectors - including hotels, restaurants and tourism transport operations bas lent about JD 255 million in the last 30 years.

This represents roughly balf the actual investment in projects since the IDB involvement is limited to 50 per cent of the total investment. Mr. Fahoum said the IDB, which bas a capital of JD 12 million, bad not carved out any specific role for itself at

the Middle East and North

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summit; nor had it allocated any amount for financing projects that might come np at the summit. The reason, he said, is simple: Mosi of the projects on the table at the summit involve tens of mil-

lions of dollars in investments

and the IDB is not equipped

to do that. "Our focus is on small- and medium-size industrial projects that we could handle ourselves with Jordan," said Mr. Faboum. As such, involvement in the mutlimillion dollar projects, which also have a regional nature, is beyond the realm of the

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1DB's mandate and scope. At the same time, said Mr. Sa'd, the 1DB will be looking closely at the private sector projects expected to be submitted at the summit for pos-

sibilities of financing.

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Mr. Fahoum said the IDB had a clear role to play in helping the industrial sector to develop in Jordan in the absence of other similar institutions. As such. he said. a reported World Bank recommendation that Jordan do .away with specialised financial institutions - a category that broadly includes the IDB - should not have any bearing on the IDB.

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Akira Fujita told a news conference in Osaka, where the bank has its headquarters,

that the losses were run up between 1984 and 1995 by Toshihide Iguchi, the bank's executive vice president in charge of bond trading and settlements, at Daiwa's New York office.

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ment, but added: "I bave been informed that Daiwa Bank will write off all the loss incurred from this incident in its balf-year earnings."

"I believe the bank can well afford to cope with this loss and that when considering their asset quality, profitability and unrealised gains on their assets, this incident will not cause any concern over Daiwa's financial strength," he explained.

Bank of Japan Governor Yasuo Matsushita said in a statement that the central bank had issued a strict warning to Daiwa. But he said it was confident Daiwa's losses would "in no way" undermine the overall management

Daiwa kept its forecast for parent net profit in the six months to Sept. 30 at an earlier forecast seven billion yen (\$70.0 million). But it revised up its current profit forecast by a huge amount — 102 billion yen (\$1.02 billion) against an earlier outlook of 12 billion yen (\$120 million).

keep its full-year parent net forecast for 1995/96 at 14 billion yen (\$140 million) while raising its current profit forecast to 113 billion yen (\$1.13 billion) from 25 billion yen (\$250 million): "

forecast for 1995/96 at seven billion yen (\$70 million) while boosing its current profit outlook to 115 billion yen (\$1.15 billion) from 27 billion yen (\$270 million).

Daiwa attributed the high- debt problem.

er forecasts for current profit which includes gains and losses on investments in securities and other nonoperating activities — to falling market interest rates and higher profits from bond

trade in general. But one industry analyst said the bank was likely to sell shareholdings to boost current profit and cover the \$1.10 billion special loss on the New York bond transac-

This will mean a decrease in Daiwa's ability to cope with its problem loans," said Katsuhilo Sasajima, banking analyst at Nikko Research Centre Ltd. "It's a tough situation for them.

Mr. Sasajima said, however, that the issue seemed due 10 a rogue trader and was in that sense separate from the problem of the huge bad debts weighing down Japan's financial system.

It revelation follows severhigh profile financial failures in Japan in the past few months resulting from the bad loan problem, including the collapse of Hyogo Bank, a major regional institution.

The finance ministry has estimated that those bad debts could total 50 trillion yen (\$500 billion), of which perhaps under 20 trillion yen (\$200 billion) are unrecover-

A finance ministry advisory panel is due to come out with an interim report Wednesday on how authorities should handle the bad

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# Japan's Daiwa Bank posts big bond loss in New York

OSAKA, Japan (R) — Daiwa Bank, one of Japan's top ten commercial banks, said Tuesday that a senior executive at its New York branch had run up huge losses of \$1.1 billion in bond

trading. Japan's financial author-

ies called the incident 'deeply regrettable," but moved swiftly to allay fears that it would undermine the financial system, which is already burdened by beaps of bad debt from the bursting of the country's late 1980s asset rice bubble.

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How the losses - run up in U.S. Treasury bonds and bills — were hidden from senior management was still

Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura said there was no need for concern about the financial health of Daiwa, Japan's 10th

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	6.9660/60	Swedish crowns
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	5.5825/75	Danish crowns

One sterling \$1.5686/96 One ounce of gold \$383.10/383.60

# Qatar horses capture show

By Rana Husseini

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — Oatar horses Tuesday captured the show during the second day of the Sixth Arabian Horse At Home Show by winning the junior male and female com-

Kamasayyah, from Al Shagab stud, Qatar, won the



Qatari Sheikh Hamad Al Thani presents Her Royal Highness Princess Alia with a trophy (photo by Rana

junior female championship. Simeon Shaas, owned by Talhorse Juman from the Ja'afar stud came in first, followed al Al Saleb, Royal Stud, by Al Haneefah and Hoodah, both from the Royal Stud, in In the junior male chamsecond and third places repionship, Ibn Shahid, owned by Sheikh Nawaf Bin Nasser

spectively. The competition, which officially opened Tuesday, was attended by Their Royal Highnesses Princess Alia and Princess Aisha and other

fact that such goal can only be progressively reached everywhere and that succes-

sive stages must be set."

The proposal will be submitted to the full IOC session

for approval next July before the centennial games in

The IOC itself will have to

comply with the rules. At the

moment, the IOC has seven

women among its 106 mem-

bers. It will need to add at

least four women by the year

games in tiny Lillehammer,

Norwegians won the most medals: 26. Most of those

were thanks to the skiers who won 18 medals, including

eight of the country's 10 gold.

Calgary — the first time in Norway's history that it failed

to get a Winter Olympic gold

medal - the ski federation

and other winter sports orga-

After the 1988 games in

The five-day event is organised by the Jordanian Arabian Horse Society which is beaded by Princess Alia.

Wednesday's competitions will include Classes 8 to 13. In the afternoon, there will be show jumping, senior male and female championsbips, supreme and senior female and supreme male championships.



Competitor showing the horse before foal competition (Photo by Rana Husseini)

### IOC sets quotas for women in decision-making bodies

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — The International Olympic Committee (IOC) directed the world's Olympic bodies Tuesday to ensure that women make up at least 10 per cent of their decisionmaking structures within the next five years.

In a major step towards increasing the role of women in sports, the executive board of the International Olympic Committee said the figure should reach at least 20 per

cent within 10 years.

The IOC ordered the world's 197 National Olympic Committees to meet the 10 per cent target by Dec. 31, 2000, and the 20 per cent level by Dec. 3I, 2005. The IOC "strongly invited" international and national federations and

other sports organisations to

came in second place.

Al Thani, won first place. Shahin Al Shaqab, from Al

Shaqab Stud, won the second

met the same targets. There are currently six women presidents of National Olympic Committees and four women presidents of international federations.

The executive board considered that it was necessary to intensify without delay the promotion of the presence of women within sport and its technical and administrative structures," the IOC said.

within the Olympic move-ment is the strict enforcement of the principle of equality 2000 to meet the 10 per cent level. between men and women. However, it is aware of the

One of the catalysts bebind the move was U.S. member Anita Defrantz, the only woman on the IOC executive

Defrantz represented the IOC at the recent women's conference in Beijing.

The percentage of women in the Olympic movement at IOC, international federation or national Olympic committees is still very low," she said in a speech to the conference. This is one area in which the Olympic movement has to make particular efforts."

and costly drive to win back

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"The money just kept flowing. It was like the Klon-

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national ski team traipsed

around the globe in search of

the best snows. That was just the way it was," the newspap-

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### Olympic glory leaves Norway's Ski Federation in crisis nisations began a determined

Atlanta.

OSLO, Norway (AP) - The gold fever of last year's Win-ter Olympics in Lillehammer has turned into the cold sweats, for the Norwegian Ski Federation after its drive for medals left it risking

bankruptcy. The ooce-powerful federa-tion has laid off 11 of its 24 staff a battle to overcome a 42.1 million kroner (\$6.5 million) deficit blamed mainly on its obsession with taking as much precious metal as possible at Norway's games.
All week, horrified Norway has been asking how the

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The federation has produced some of the world's best skiers including Alpine champions Ole Kristian Furuseth, Lasse Kjus and Kjetil Andre Aamodt and Nordic stars Vegard Ulvang and Bjorn Daehlie.

"The situation in the ski federation is depressing to say the least. It is an econo-mic scandal." says Minister of Culture Aase Kleveland. who has sport associations in

her government portfolio. But she warns that there isn't a single Norwegian kroner in the government pot to help out the skiers.

There are two options: debt negotiation or bankruptcy," she says.

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Federation President Jan Jensen says it is impossible to believe it could go that far.

"The goal to be reached

"The most important thing is that we would lose all trust and credibility if we declare ourselves bankrupt," he says. The ski federation is one of

several sports association under the umbrella of the norwegian Sports Federa-tion. They all plan to meet Tuesday to discuss a possible bailout. The plan would include transfers from the associations and sponsorship from banks.

However, the Norwegian News Agency NTB says many of the other sports already run on shoestring budets, and have little to spare.

Norway's largest newspaper, Verdens Gang, in a commentary, said last week the skiers' downhill slide started because of "the unanimous national demand for success at the Olympics at home."

Norwegians, nearly all 4.3 million of them, love skiing, on downhill slopes, Nordic trails or off dizzyingly high jumps. And when the winter Olympics came home - at least that's how this winter sports crazy country seems to see it - Norwegians deman-

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AVOID THE TROUBLE

### 944 ME 1977 Interfires coach, hires Suarez

MILAN, Italy (AP) - Internazionale of Milan, managing only one victory in four games, fired coach Ottavio Bianchi on Monday. A former Inter great, Spanish midfielder Luisito Suarez, was hired in his place. The Milan club is mired deep in the league standings and President Massimo Moratti had reportedly been considering the dismissal for weeks. The end for Bianchi came after inter lost 2-1 Sunday to Napoli, its first defeat in Naples in six years. The team refused to comment on the coaching change, saying only that Bianchi's "work relationship has been interrupted." Bianchi is a veteran coach, leading Napoli to the League Championship with Diego Maradona and also having coached as Roma.

### Tyson accused of detaining mother

NEW YORK (AFP) — Kimberly Scarborough, mother of an illegitimate daughter of Mike Tyson, bas started proceedings for detention by the former world boxing champion. She claims Tyson imprisoned her in a Manhattan apartment in an attempt to force her to sign papers annuling settlement terms. She says she went to an apartment owned by Tyson's promoter Don King expecting to be given a cheque for \$450,000 to buy a house, but Tysoo threatened she would not be allowed to leave until she had signed away her existing rights. Tyson relented after 20 minutes, she claims. Tyson bas dismissed the claims as a lie and described the alleged promise to buy a house as nonsense. Scarborough has asked a court to force Tyson to pay \$550,000 to buy a house and for Tyson to take out life assurance for \$1.3 million for Michael Lorna "Mickey" Tyson. Tyson, who is already paying \$5,000 a mooth in maintenance, has also recognised a boy born out of wedlock as his son but has refused to recognise another boy born in Los Angles as a son.

### Waters makes winning comeback

DAPTO, Australia (AP) — Former world light-heavyweight title contender Guy Waters made a successful comeback after a 21-month absence when scored an eighth-round stoppage win over Venezuelan-born Armando Angel Rodriguez in a 10-round international contest Monday night. Waters, who failed in world title challenges against Deonis Andries and Virgil Hill, wore down Florida-based Rodriguez with an impressive left jab and halted him at 1:58 of the eighth. Referee Gary Dean stopped the contest after the Australian sent Rodriguez to the canvas with a left hook followed by an uppercut. Waters scaled 79.45 kilogrammes and improved his professional record to 16-3-1, while Rodriguez weighed 79.05 kg. and dropped to 17-7-1. He had a point deducted in the fifth round for low blows. On the same card, unbeaten Australian Shannan Taylor improved his record to 13-0 with second-round knockout win over American Willy Wise, of Westbary, New York, in a scheduled 10-rounder. Taylor scaled 66.95 kilogrammes — just above the welter-weight limit — while wise scaled 66.65 kilos, his record dipped to 18-3-4.

### fans angry with Maradona

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - South Korea hoped to bolster its bid to be chosen host for the 2002 World Cup with promotions by soccer superstar Diego Maradona.
Instead, officials are faced with outraged fans, sulking children and a bill for about \$1.75 million.

For Maradona's nine-day visit, Sooth Korea's Football Association had planned elaborate events, including a coaching clinic for children, an autograph session and a

tour of a car factory.
All three were cancelled. Sunday, hundreds of angry fans protested loudly when Maradona, after a two-hour delay, dropped the coaching session for children at an musement park.

A leading sports daily said Maradona had decided en route that he would rather practise, and ordered the car to turn around.

"Children's dreams crushed by fickleness," the newspaper Ilgan sports reported.

The previous day, some 1,000 fans who had waited in the rain for an hour at Seoul's main train station for the superstar's autograph were disappointed when he left af-ter performing tricks for just 10 minutes.

His Tuesday trip to Hyundai's automotive plant was also cancelled, Hyundai is a major backer of South Korea's bid against Japan to play host to the world soccer tournament.

Criticism against Maradona, as well as soccer officials. was also mounting because South Korea is obliged to pay even though scheduled events were cancelled.

"It was an understanding tbat he would take part in promotiooal activities, but it's not part of the contract or anything," said a Korea Football Association official, who asked that her name not be used becasue she was so embarrassed.

In South Korea, an oral agreement is considered just as important as a written contract. Even unspecified obligations are taken seriously, and not following through results in a loss of "face" and



Argentina's soccer star Diego Maradona, visit- Korean national team, kicks the ball during a ing Seoul for a goodwill game with the South training session at a Seoul stadium (Reuters)

'He said he wanted more time to practise for the game. and we can't exactly force him to do anything he doesn't want to," the football asso-ciation official said.

The highlight of the Sept.

28-Oct. I visit is a game between his Boca Juniors and South Korea's national team, Maradona's first since being banned for using stimulantsat the 1994 World Cup finals

15 months ago. Reports have said he is being paid \$1.75 million by the 2002 World Cup Bidding Committee and state-owned KBS Television for the visit and game.

Soccer officials refused to confirm the amount, but said the reports were not far off.

### SPORTS IN BRIEF

Russian defends WBC flyweight title

TOKYO (AP) - Undefeated Yuri Arbachakov, a Russian who fights out of Japan, defended his World Boxing Couocil (WBC) flyweight title Monday with a 12-round unanimous decision over challenger Chatchai Elite-Gym of Thailand. There were no knockdowns as Arbachakov, fighting before a near capacity crowd of 10,000 at the Nippon Budokan, made his seventh defence of the title he woo from Muangebai Kittikasem of Thailand on June 23, 1992, in Tokyo. Judge Chuck Hassett scored it 116-112, Tony Castellano 116-114 and Rudy Ortega 117-113, all for Arbacbakov. All three judges are Americans. Arbachakov had predicted a first-round knockout, but he and Chatchai, the WBC's No. 1 flyweight contender, opened the bout with cautious probing. In the first five rounds, Arbachakov landed a series of straight punches to Chatchai's face and body. Chatchai unleashed a series of hard uppercuts and hooks. From the sixth round on, Chatchai stopped his early circling and began frontal exchanges of blows. Arbachakov responded with straight blows against the challenger's body. The champion jolted Chatchai several times with punches to the face in the last two rounds. "I tried my best to show my boxing. I thought I could win only in the last round," Arbachakov said in an interview in the ring. Chatchai, who needed a second try Sunday to meet the flyweight limit after being 100 grammes overweight on his first try, showed no effects in the fight of having to shed the weight quickly. Arbachakov, winner of the 1989 World Cup Amateur Boxing Championship in Moscow, is the first fighter from the former Soviet Union to win a professional world title. Arbachakov, from Tatshtagol in Russia, signed a professional contract in Japan in 1989. The victory brought his record to 21-0 with 15 knockouts. It was Chatchai's first defeat against 20 victories, including 15 by knockout. Both Arbachakov and Chatchai weighted 50.8 kilogrammes.

### Filipino boxer remains serious

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) - Filipino Boxer Fernando Piccio remained in a serious condition in the Royal Brisbane Hospital late Monday, two days after being knocked out io a bout in nearby Toowoomba. Piccio, 22, was stopped in the seventh round of an eight-round tightweight contest against Australian Selwyn Currie at the Toowoomba Showground, 125 kilometres west of Brisbane. He suffered a suspected brain hemorrhage after the bout and was taken to Toowoomba General Hospital for treatment. He was transferred to the Royal Brisbane Hospital early Sunday. The hospital said in a statement issued Monday that he was: "In a serious but stable condition." Australian National Boxing Federation (ANBF) Secretary Derek Milham said Piccio remained unconscious and on a life support machine but said doctors had advised him they do not plan immediate surgery. Milham said the bospital had told the ANBF there was pressure inside Piccio's head but no significant blood clotting. Doctors said they were trying to drain excess fluid from the fighter's head. No immediate prognosis on Piccio's prospects for recovery was available.

### 6 Sri Lankan players go missing

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Police were searching Monday for six members of Sri Lanka's national volleyball team who disappeared, apparently to look for jobs in South Korea. The six vanished Saturday while participating in the Sixth Asian Volleyball Championship, police said. They left a note saying they wanted jobs in Korea that, would earn them more money than they could make at home. Nearly 100,000 foreigners, most of them from Sri Lanka and other Soutbeast Asian countries, work both legally and illegally in South Korea, mostly at menial jobs. As South Korean living standards rise with economic growth, many South Koreans tend to shun menial jobs. The gap is filled by foreign workers.

### Hateley signs for Queen's Park Rangers

LONDON (R) - Former England striker Mark Hateley has signed for Queen's Park Rangers in a 1.0 million pound (\$1.57 million) transfer from Scotland's Glasgow Rangers; the English Premier League club said on Monday. OPR Manager Ray Wilkins said: "I know Mark as a player and as a person and I'm absolutely thrilled to have him on board. His experience will be an enormous help. Our younger forwards can learn from him. To have Mark at QPR was always something I'd wanted since I've been manager bere." The 33-year-old Hateley, who won some of his 32 England caps alongside Wilkins, said: "At this stage of my career I'm looking for a new challenge. I must have targets, ambitions and rewards. I now have the challenge of playing in the premiership. It's turned into a great stage in the last couple of years and I'm just looking forward to it immensely." Hateley, who is working his way back to fitness after knee and ankle surgery, has signed a two-anda-half-year contract. The son of former Aston Villa. Chelsea and Liverpool favourite Tony, Hateley began his career at Coventry and went on to play for Portsmouth, AC Milan with Wilkins and Monaco before moving to Rangers. where he scored 85 goals in 166 league games and won five Scottish championships.

### Marathon warning from Atlanta doctor

ATLANTA. Georgia (AFP) — A top American sports doctor has warned Olympic organisers they would be running an enormous risk if the Olympic marathon is raced in the evening as planned next year. Dr. David Martin, professor of physiology at Georgia University, and president of the United States Athletics Medical Committee. says in a report that Atlanta's heat and humidity make the 6:30 p.m. start for the men's marathon the worst time possible. He argues for an early morning start but International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) director general Pierre Weiss said from Monaco they had set the same maratbon start time as Barcelona after consulting their own medical commission. "It's certain there will not be a record but (there will be a winner... as in any competition," he said. However, he said the IAAF Council would listen to any request by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to change the schedule.

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# Egypt, Ivory Coast reach Champion's Cup

JOHANNESBURG (AFP)

— Title favourites Ismailia of
Egypt and ASEC of Ivory Coast reached the African Champion's Cup semi-finals at the week-end despite being held goalless at home.

They were joined to the pennitimate stage of the premier cluh competition by South Africa's Orlando Pirates, who outclassed Gabonese visitors Mbilinga

Ismailia, seeking to keep the cup in North African hands for the 12th consecutive year, face ASEC next month for a place in the decider while Pirates await the winners of a postponed match between Dynamos of Zimbabwe and Express of

Defending champions Esperance, one goal behind following the first leg in Tunisia, surrendered the title after drawing to Ismailia while ASEC, with a two-goal cushion against Ghanaians Abuasi Goldfields, disappointed a capacity of 50,000 crowd in Ahidjan by failing to find the net.

The elimination of Esperance confirmed a jinx hang-: ing over the title holders as no cluh has successfully defended the symbol of con-; tinental supremacy since 1968. when TP Englebert of Zaire defeated Etoile Filante of

Pirates, anxious since losing to a last-minute goal in Lihreville, were ahead at FNB stadium when Helman Mkhalele headed a John Moeti cross past goalkeeper

Mendoue Germain. A deflected drive hy Brendan Silent put the Buccaneers two goals ahead before halftime and Jerry Skosana completed the scoring with a

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Cup Winners' Cup holders Daring Club Motema Pembe of Zaire also bowed out, losing 2-0 in Julius Berger in Nigeria, where Taiwo Oloyede converted a firsthalf penalty and Ikponmwosa Omoregie struck the decisive goal in the 65th minute.

Hearts of Oak from Ghana, one of the best clubs never to lift an African Cup. will have to wait at least one more year to fulfil the amhition despite a 2-1 success in Accra over experienced Algerians JS Kabylie.

A 40,000 crowd crammed into the national stadium sensed a glórious day for Ghana when Thomas Quaye converted two penalty kicks within 8 minutes midway through the first half.

These goals put the West Africans ahead under the away-goal rule, bnt Malieudine Meflah reduced the arrears 10 minutes into the second half and Kabylie squeezed through on aggre-

Malindi of Tanzania caused an opset in the CAF Cnp, the competition for championship runners up by winning 2-0 in Togo against A2aga, who had looked set to advance following a goalless

first leg.

The damage was done in a seven-minute, first-half spell when national player Edibily Lunyamila and Bakala Djourna scored for a visiting team bolstered hy several Zambian stars.

Tunisians Etoile du Sahel also triumphed away, slamming three goals past Ferroviar in Mozambique without reply to complete the most decisive victory of the

Ironically, Barrichello had

been the Jordan driver linked

to a possible move to Ferrari.

# Irish man to join Schumacher at Ferrari

MARANELLO, Italy (R) — Ferrari named Eddie Irvine on Tuesday as their second driver for the 1996 Formula One season alongside de-fending world champion Michael Schumacher of Ger-

The brief announcement said Irvine, a 29-year-old Briton from Northern Ireland, under a deal that could hold good for up to three seasons, thanks to "good relations" between the two teams.

It gave no financial details. The Italian newspaper Corriere dello Sport speculated that Ferrari may have to pay up to \$5 million in goodwill money to Jordan, which only last Thursday confirmed Irvine and Brazilian Rubens Barrichello as its 1996 driv-

Ferrari bave been hunting for a teammate for Schumacher since an announcement four weeks ago that Austrian Gerhard Berger would follow Frenchman Jean Alessi to Benetton, the team the German world championship leader is leav-

ing.

It had initially signalled that a decision would be made public after the Grand Prix of Europe in Germany on Oct. 14.

Tuesday's statement said: 'Ferrari announces that Eddie Irvine will drive alongside Michael Schumacher in the next Formula One world championship.

"The agreement, which is extendable to the 1997 and 1998 sporting seasons, was reached today thanks to good relations between Ferrari and Jordan-Peugeot.

Irvine, who began motor racing at the age of 18, has spent his entire Formula One career at Jordan, which be

joined in 1993. He has contested 28 Formula One races, with a best finish of third in the Canadian Grand Prix on June 11. He lies 13th in the championship standing with six

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# Anand beats Kasparov, ends string of draws

NEW YORK (R) - Indian challenger Viswarathan Anand pumped new enthusiasm into the World Chess Championship on Monday with a dramatic victory over champion Garry Kasparov of

Kasparov, 32, resigned the ninth game after Anand's 35th move in the first decisive result of the best-of-20 Professional Chess Association match so far.

The players had set a re-cord in the past two weeks hy drawing the opening eight

"Now we're going to have a real match," declared Argentine Grandmaster Miguel Najdorf, one of several experts to praise the 25year-old Anand for attacking Kasparov with his favourite system, the Sicilian Defence.

The challenger leads the match by five points to four, but he was typically modest at the post-game news con-"It's the first time I've;

beaten him for a while, so it's nice," he said. "There's still 11 games left... it's about as well as I've played so far." The victor will be the first to reach 10½ points and receive almost \$1 million from

the sponsor Intel Corp. Kasparov would keep the title in the envent of a 10-10 tie and total prize money of about \$1.5 million would be shared. One point is awarded

for a win and a ½ point for a

Anand was playing with the advantage of the white pieces and the first move, similar to holding the serve in

He tackled Kasparov with the same opening for the fifth time since their battle started Sept. 1I on the 107th floor enclosed observation deck of New York's World Trade

Out of the opening, grandmaster and three-times U.S. champion Yasser Seirawan, compared Kasparov's situa-tion to that of a hedgehog. "All of his pieces are bur-rowed in, they all have only

one square, but they're coiled and hristling and hy the time you get him out of the hole, you could be exhausted," he

But the Indian player, re-

nowned for his over-theboard aggression, sacrificed one of his rooks for a lessvaluable knight in the centre of the board on move 27, to set up a tense position which gave him winning chances. Kasparov, who is defending bis crown for the fifth

time, could not find the counter-attacking resources necessary to ward off Anand's queen, bishop and three pawns that had infiltrated his position. When Anand won a vital

pawn on his 34th turn and then followed it up with a



Champion Garry Kasparov (right) of Russia, stares at challenger Viswanathan Anand of India during the 9th

game of their best-of-20-games World Chess Champio at the World Trade Centre in New York (Renters photo)

defensive king move, the Russian realised he could not win or even hold on for

another draw and offered a

tators applauded loudly for Anand as he left the soundproof glass hooth where the

games are being played. The 10th game will be play-

# Record number of draws bores outsiders, increases chess tension

NEW YORK (AP) — It is the one chess record nobody wants to hreak.

The eight consecutive draws that started the title bont between world champion Garry Kasparov and challenger Vishwanathan Anand bas been boring for outsiders, frustrating for insiders, and a big worry for

U.S. chess promoters. "It's not computers that are killing chess, it's the draws," said one spectator after the seventh game ended in a tie after less than two bours play.

The sequence of draws may be less annoying over-seas, where sports fans are used to frequent ties in soccer

and to five-day internationals in cricket that often peter out to a draw.

This contest, however, is taking place in the United States. This is, after all, the place where the phrase "a draw is like kissing your sister" was coined, and where two of the nation's top sports, baseball and hasketball, are structured to preclude draws.

Wbile chess beginners hardly ever draw their games, the number of ties tends to increase proportionately with the strength of the players and their increasingly sophisticated defensive techni-

But there's at least one person who remains fairly content with the quiet start,

as the pre-match underdog, has proven that he can hold the 32-year-old Russian titleholder with ease. That opens np the genuine possibility that Anand, 25, of India,

could unseat the world cham-Kasparov, in his 1993 title defence with British grandmaster Nigel Short, blew away his opponent with three victories in the first four games and the Englishman

never recovered. Many chess experts believe that if Anand could survive Kasparov's early onslaught, his chances will increase.

"If you have two people that are very good and very aware of the danger of making a mistake, you tend to get . Anand, universally perceived a lot of draws and that's

what's happening here," said former U.S. champion Patrick Wolff, who is working as one of Anand's trainers during the 20-game contest.

"However, as the match goes on and continues to be so close, eventually each player will take more risks to upset the halance.' Wolff, who lives in Some-

rville, Massachusetts, and is an avid fan of the U.S. Major League basehall club the Boston Red Sox, compared the sequence of draws to baseball

"Everybody likes a base-ball game with a lot of home runs, hut real baseball fans know and understand that the best basehalf games are very well pitched and are often decided by a few bits,'

he said. "And this chess match is the same way."

Kasparov told reporters Thursday that his work as a director of the New Yorkhased Professional Chess Association, which organised the \$1.5 million contest, may be partially responsible for

"I think I'm slowing coming to my normal shape,"

Recognising the early fin-ish that night was a letdown for spectators, Kasparov took the unusual step of coming out of the soundproof booth where the game was played to address several hundred audience members.

"Everybody is dis-

appointed, of course," said Kasparov, who has held the title since 1985. "Any mistake can be a decisive one. The pressure will increase with each game, and I wouldn't het on 20 draws,'

Anand's biggest problem is that Kasparov retains his title in the event of a 10-10 tie. So if he loses a game, he must win two to take the lead. A win scores one point and a draw, a half-point.

Anand said he was amused by a segment on Thursday's The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," where actors mimicking the players were covered in cobwebs.

"It's a perception I expected them to have," Anand

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# New Olympic cash share-out for 2004

LAUSANNE (AFP) - International sports federa-tions will pick up a 10 per cent increase in Olympic television revenue, which should amount to at least \$70 million from 2004, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), said here Monday. IOC Director General

Francois Carrard said receipts for the host city would be cut from 60 per cent to 49 per cent, with international federations getting about 10 per cent

The Executive Board meeting at Nagoya, Japan, in December will decide

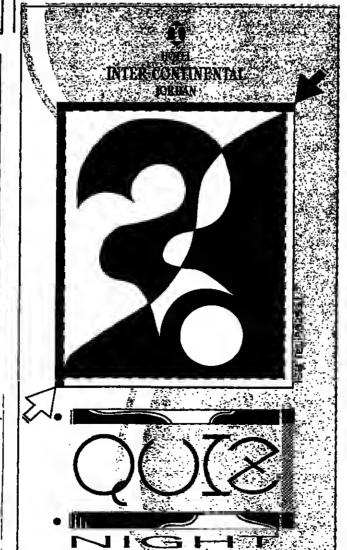
exactly bow the money will be shared out to give candi-dates for the 2004 Games time to reconsider before the Jan. 10 deadline for,

Sydney, which will host the 2000 Games, has negotiated \$715 million for U.S. horadcasting rights alone, compared to the

\$456 million Atlanta will get for next year's Games. Carrard said although the percentage for host cities would be cut from 2004, the steady rise in television income meant they would not suffer any

real loss. The international federations had been demanding a bigger cut of television money for several years.

Cape Town, St. Peters-hurg, Stockholm, Seville, Rome, Lille or Lyon, Boston, Osaka, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, San Juan and perhaps Beijing are candidates for the 2004 Games.



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# Iraq, **Kuwait** resume talks on missing

KUWAIT (Agencies) — Kuwaio and Iraqi experts met near the border for the second time in a month on Tuesday to discuss the fate of people who went missing in Iraq's 1990-91 occupation, a U.N. official said.

The talks, chaired by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), took place on the Iraqi side of the frontier and will prohably go into a second day, the spokesman for the U.N. Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission

(UNIKOM) said. The 32-nation observer force, which patrols a 15 kilometre wide demilitarised border strip set up after the 1991 Gulf war, is hosting the meeting at its headquarters in the Iraqi town of Um Qasr hut has no further role in the

The two sides held two days of talks on the Kuwaio side of the border on Aug. 29 and 30 in the longest session of formal meetings the two countries have ever held on

The meetings are the latest in a series by a technical working group of a Genevabased commission investigat-ing the Gulf war missing

Kuwait wants Iraq to account for 600 Kuwaitis and Kuwait-based nationals from other countries who disappeared during the occupation and the six-week war

that ended it, Kuwait and its ally the United States say a full accounting is one of several conditions Iraq must meet before economic sanctions imposed after its 1990 invasion can be

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A Kuwaiti official said in August that Baghdad had admitted for the first time that 116 prisoners were taken to Iraq during the occupation. Previously Bagbdad said only 73 prisoners had been taken and that it had lost trace of them in the

aftermath of the war. However, Iraq denied the Kuwaiti official's claim. Iraq and Kuwait have met 13 times in Geneva to discuss.

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"The figure is only an estimate. We haven't done the detailed work on the claims (Continued on page 7)



A Palestinian passes by a group of Israeli soldiers in Hebron, where tension remains high following the initialing of the Israeli-Palestinian autonomy accurd which left Israel in curitrul uver parts of the West Bank town (AFP

# Autonomy council will not replace PLO, Qouriea says

CAIRO (AFP) — A new self-rule council will not replace the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as "supreme" authority in the Palestinian territories, the Palestinian Economy Minister Ahmad Qouriea told the Arabic daily Al Hayat on Tuesday.

The council, to be elected in line with an autonomy deal reached Sunday by Israel and the PLO, is "a legislative council. I can call it a council of representatives," Mr. Qouriea said.

"But it is too early to consider a replacement to the Palestinian National Council (PNC) or the PLO. That is destructive," the Palestinians' top negotiator with Israel said.

The PLO, hased in Tunis, represents inhabitants inside the territories and diaspora Palestinians, who make up four-fifths of the PNC, the Palestinians's parliament in

exile. The PLO will conduct negotiations until the rights of the Palestinians are realised and the elected council will serve as one of its instru-

ments," Mr. Qouriea said.
The PNC is the "supreme basic authority. The new council is a body for the Palestinian (National) Authority (PNA) on the ground. But it does not decide the future of the Palestinian people nor agreements with

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tees and it will serve for the transition period only," he

'We expect after final status talks a new entity and a new authority. There will not be refugees and displaced. Those who return will return and relations with those who remain outside will in some way be organised," Mr.

"But this council will not be the council of the new

Talks on the final status of the territories are due to start in May 1996. The interim eriod of Palestinian selfthe Gaza Strip and Jericho in May 1994, is to last five years with the permanent status due to come into force from

Elections for the 82member autonomy council and a separately elected president are expected to be held around March 1996 according to the agreement initialled in Taba, Egypt, hy PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Mr. Qouriea said the accord's provisions for a redeployment of the Israeli army from population centres in the West Bank would, in its first stage, give the Paleso-nians control of "four or five per cent" of the territories. But in the agreement we

The council "will be like one of (the PNC's) committed at 1 per cent" after further redeployments, he said.

The three-stage redeployment will "complete the boundaries of the Palestinian state except for the matters to be considered in final status

The status of "the (Jewish settlements, which are eight per cent of the land), Jerusalem, which is one per cent, and three to five per cent called military border re-gions' will be negotiated starting May, Mr. Qouriea

"But excepting them, 87 per cent of the West Bank will be under the Palestinian state" once the Taba accord is fully implemented, he said.

The accord outlines three regions for an Israeli redeployment. In areas A and B. the main towns and villages of the West Bank, the Israeli army is to withdraw except for Hebron where it will redeploy, while preserving security rights in area B.

In area C, unpopulated areas of strategic importance to Israel, the army will remain hut the self-rule council will bave civil powers.

Mr. Qouriea said Palestinian gains in the accords were "more than I expected" from negotiations and that the land area to be handed over was more than provided for in the 1993 Oslo autonomy agree-

# Generation of Iraqi children hard-hit by starvation - WFP

GENEVA (R) — A United Nations agency said on Tuesday alarming food shortages in Iraq were causing irreparable damage to an entire generation of children and more than four million people were at severe risk.

In comments issued in Geneva, Dieter Hannusch of the Rome-based World Food Programme (WFP) said that in a two-week tour be and his team had found conditions as bad as aoything he had seen

in some 24 years in the field. Iraq remains politically and economically isolated under President Saddam Hussein's rule and crippled by U.N. trade sanctions imposed for its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

"We are at the point of no return in Iraq," said Mr. Hannusch, WFP's chief emergency support officer. 'More and more people spend their whole day strugding to find food for survival. The social fahric of the oation is disintegrating.'

The report quoted WFP's regional manager for Iraq, Mona Hannam, as saying: "There are actually more than four million people, a fifth of Iraq's population, at severe nutritional risk."

These included 2.4 million children under five, some 600,000 pregnant women or nursing mothers and destitute women who are heads of household "as well as hun-dreds of thousands of elderly

with no-one to help them."
"Alarming food shortages are causing irreparable damage to an entire generation of Iraqi children," the WFP said. "The WFP comments fol- comparable to that of the lowed a report by a U.N. west African state of Mali crop and outrition status assessment mission to Iraq, part of which was made available to Reuters in Baghdad last week, which said the

food situation was made worse by a poor harvest. But the WFP said the fact that the 1995 barvest was about I6 per cent below average bad little effect on the food situation in a country that had traditionally imported 70 per cent of its food

Iraq has been under a U.N.-imposed trade emhargo since its invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. Mr. Hannusch said the

main problem was that mooey had lost its value in Iraq and 70 per cent of the population had little or no cess to food because they lacked purchasing power.

"The market price of subsistence foods for a family of five is about \$26 a month," he said. "The average wage earner in the south makes between \$3 and \$5 a month." While salaries in the north were higher, so were food

The WFP team reported that pediatric wards of the hospitals that were functioning boused cases of malnutrition hardly ever seen in any other country suffering from chronic food shortages.

Lack of protein was causing irreversible damage to hoth the physical and mental health of small children.

The incidence of severe malnourishment and stunting among children under the age of five was some 29 per cent,

west African state of Mali with many children looking like old people, the WFP

It cited Iraqi government figures showing an infant mortality rate of 92 per thousand live births, and an under-five mortality rate of 128 per thousand live births. which the WFP said was simi-

lar to the situation in Sudan.
"It help does not come soon, the survivors will be the sanction-hreakers, the hlackmarketeers and the thieves, Mr. Hannusch declared.

### Vaccination planned

Iraq is to carry out a mass campaign to vaccinate women against tetanus next month, the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) said Tues-

The campaign will target women in 11 provinces in southern and central Iraq were tetanus cases were re-corded last year. a UNICEF official said in Baghdad. The U.N. Educational.

Scientific and Cultural Organisation will provide Baghdad with nine million vaccines for the campaign starting on Oct. 21.

In March Iraq vaccinated 3.5 million children under the age of five against polio, in the first such campaign since the end of the 1991 Gulf war.

The health ministry says that 75 children out of 1.000 die in Iraq because of a shortage of vaccines and medicine, compared to 25 out of every 1,000 hefore the imposition of U.N. sanctions almost five years ago.

### Thai socialites won't risk reputations to

expose conmen

BANGKOK (AFP) - A

senior Thai police officer

has appealed to the

wealthy, high-society victims of a gang that has worked the same scam for five years to come forward and lodge complaints, a local newspaper said Sunday. The conmen send letters to social notables inviting them to receive fake bonorary degrees from famous U.S. universities at oo cost. The Nation daily said, citing the commander of the police Ecooomic Suppression Division. But before the degrees are to be awarded, the gang asks fur 100,000-800,000 (\$4,000-\$32,000) for the cost of hotel rooms and receptions, the daily said. Nooe of the hundreds nf victims have filed a complaint with the police as it could damage their reputations, police Major General Pipop Na Ranong was cited as saying, so the cul-

### **New pest** threatens Caribbean agriculture

prits remain at large.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad (R) — Trinidad has launched a campaign to fight the mealybug, a new pest that threatens to devastate agriculture in the Caribbean island and neighbouring Grenada. officials said. They said the insect poses the most serious threat to agriculture in the region in 50 years. In Grenada, the bug has already devastated plantations of pineapple and teak trees. Officials have not determined when the insect entered Trinidad, where it was discovered last December. The Agriculture Ministry set up a lelephone line and Trinidadians to report sightings of the bug which came from the Far East. Trinidad and Grenada are believed to be the only places in the Western hempishere infested by the

# Dog bites police

of crime, Rouy the police dog took a bite out of a 'crime fighter. The fouryear-old German shepherd bit a police officer in the buttocks while he was struggling to arrest a sboplifting suspect Sunday. unfortunately, it was weating blue." said a fellow officer. The officer received teeth marks oo his rear end, but the hite did not break skin. Police said the officer was bitten when he stepped in between the suspect and the dog. The 39-year-old suspect was

### officer in rear end TORONTO (AP)

Instead of taking a bite out "The dog took a bite of the first piece of flesb, and charged with stealing shirts from a clothing store and assaultiog a security guard who tried to apprehend

#### **Downing Street** cat missing presumed dead LONDON

Humphrey, the Downing Street cat at Prime Minister John Major's London resideoce, is missing, presumed dead. "We fear the worst," cabinel office spokesman Tim Hunt told the Times newspaper, saying the cat may have succumbed to kidney failure. Humphrey's vet had placed the illustrious cat on a special diet two years ago because of kidney trouble. Humphrey had in the past been accused of snatching ducklings from the pond in oearby St. James Park and of raiding a robin's nest in the Downing Street garden.

# 15 killed in pre-poll Algerian violence Mr. Carter said Mr. Moi

ALGIERS (Agencies) — A homemade bomb exploded in a police station, killing four, a carbomb blast near a bar-racks killed a family of five, and six bodies were found with their throats slit, Algerian papers reported Tues-

The attacks were the latest spasm of violence in this country torn hy an insurgency since 1992 and appeared to be part of a destabilisation campaign ahead of the Nov. 16 presidential election.

Most opposition parties are boycotting the vote, which they call an effort by the military-backed government to legitimise itself.

More than 30,000 people have been killed since the government cancelled legislative elections in January 1992 that the fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Froot (FIS)

was poised to win. Several groups of armed Islamic radicals have carried out attacks across Algeria in an attempt to topple the military-backed government and install strict Islamic rule.

The bomb in the police barracks Monday in Tizi Ouzou east of Algiers was coocealed in a shopping bag that lay among other goods seized by police in a sweep of illegal vendors.

Four other bombs attributed to armed Islamic groups were planted in the same region Monday, one at a water tower, one near a telephone switching exchange and two carbombs elsewhere. The bombs were reported

by local witnesses, but were not confirmed by the authorities, and no estimates of damages or casualties were available. Nor were the attacks officially claimed by any group.

The carbomh near military harracks in Bougara south of

Algiers hlew up a house, killing a couple and their three children who were inside at the time. It took rescuers 10 hours to extricate of the last of the bodies. A French magistrate on

Monday placed four Islamic militants under investigation on suspicion of belonging to a network supplying weapons to Algeria's Islamic Armed Group (GIA) rebels, justice sources said in Paris.

The four Algerians and one Frenchman of Algerian descent were detained last week in a police swoop in Marseille that followed a spate of bomh attacks in France.

# **Carter: Chances** dim for peace in southern Sudan

NAIROBI (R) — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter said on Tuesday the Sudan overnment seemed beaded for greater ioternational isolation, making prospects for a peaceful settlement of a 12-year southern civil war increasingly hleak.
"I don't think there is any

doubt the Khartoum government is becoming increasingly isolated," Mr. Carter told a news conference before heading for the Ethiopian capital Addis Abaha. He was in Kenya for talks

with President Daniel Arap Moi which centred on finding ways of reviving a regional Sudan peace initiative which stalled last year. Mr. Carter said Khartoum

could help end its estrangement hy respecting human rights and showing it was not involved in "terrorist activities" io the region and across the world.

The Sudanese government of Lieutenant-General Omar Hassan Al Bashir hanned political parties after it took power in a coup in June, The former U.S. leader

said a ray of hope in Sudan's festering conflict, which pits Khartoum's pro-Islamic government against two soutbern rebel armies, was an uneasy ceasefire he hrokered in March between the combatants which appeared to be holding. The initial ceasefire ran

until the end of May, but was then extended unol the end of July.

Each side has accused the other of breaking the truce. The two rebel groups, the Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army (SPLA) led by John Garang and the breakaway South Sudan Independence Movement (SSIM), are fighting against what they say is domination of the mainly Christian and animist south hy the Arabised Muslim north.

Mr. Carter said both — the rebel groups and Khartoum - had not shown good faith in trying to end the war which broke out in 1983. "I blame the SPLA leaders

and the leaders in Khartoum

for not showing good faith. "We can't do anything unless the SPLA and the leaders in Khartoum bave a genuine interest to bring peace to the country. There appears to be very little activity on the peace process." Mr. Carter

vive Sudanese peace efforts when all parties were in agreement. Talks collapsed last year after the two sides wrangled over various issues, ranging from religion to the constitu-

who chairs the regional Inter-

Governmental Authority on

(IGADD) was willing to re-

### Sudan warns Egypt

Sudan warned Egypt on Tuesday that a conference of Sudanese opposition groups Cairo plans to host would step up the conflict between the two states. "The act is not strange hut

it represents an escalation of the conflict between Cairo and Khartoum," Mahdi Ihrahim, an aide to Gen. Bashir, was quoted as saying hy state Mr. Ibrahim, the minister

of state for political affairs at Gen. Bashir's office, said SPLA leaders and other politicians opposed to Sudan's government would participate in the meeting. Plans to hold the gathering showed an "aggressive be-haviour" towards Sudan, he

Relacions between Sudan and Egypt sank to their lowest after Cairo accused Khartoum of involvement in the attempt on the life of President Hosni Muharak in Addis Ababa in June. Sudan denies the charge. They are also at logger

heads over the disputed border triangle of Halaih. In Cairo, the government-

owned newspaper Al Jumhouriya quoted Egyptian Agriculture Minister Yousef Al Wali as saying that a meeting of Sudanese opposition parties would take place soon in Cairo.

Mr. Wali did not elaborate and Sudanese opposition leaders in Egypt were not available for comment.

While Sudan was committed to good neighbourliness and non-interference in the affairs of other countries. Egypt does not respect the sovereignty of Sudan and does not accept that Sudan should choose its own way of life," Mr. Ibrahim said.

He accused Egypt of serving the interests of Israel and other foreign powers and said its behaviour was not in line with Arah, Islamic and African interc ...

Court refuses to rule on Abu Zeid appeal CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt's supreme court refused on Tuesday to rule on an appeal by a university professor ruled a "heretic" and ordered to divorce his wife hy a lower court. The court said the judgement against Naser Hamed Abu Zeid "has not been carried out therefore the court finds no need to stop its execution." The Islamist lawyers who won the June case against Dr. Abu Zeid have not filed to have him forcibly separated from his wife which an appeals court ordered on the grounds that a Muslim woman cannot be married to an apostate. The supreme court set a later hearing for October 30 to continue hearing the appeals filed hy Dr. Ahu Zeid and the general prosecutor.
The suits have two parts, one to suspend the sentence and the other to overturn the appeals court ruling. Dr. Ahu Zeid and a university colleague have also filed for a suspension in a lower court in Giza, ahead of a new judgement. The court is to study the case on Oct. 12. Dr. Abu Zeid did not attend Tuesday's procedings as he is

KABUL (AFP) - Several hundred Afghan youths car-

rying banners staged a demonstration here Tuesday to protest against alleged Pakistani interference in Afghanis-

tan, witnesses said. During the protest, which was spon-sored by the Afghanistan Islamic Association of Athletes, the demonstrators chanted anti-Pakistan slogans, echoing

allegations repeatedly made by the Kabul government. The

government claims Pakistan's Inter-Service Intelligence has

been militarily assisting the Talihans' movement, which has

made major territorial gains in recent weeks. Pakistan has

denied the allegations and stressed its neutrality in the

Afghan factional feuds. The demonstrators, after parading

the streets, wound up their protest at the Defence Ministry

in a symbolic gesture of solidarity with the military forces

loyal to President Burhanuddin Rabbani. The Pakistani

embassy in Kahul was burned by a mob on September 6.

following the Talibans' capture of a western provincial capital. Herat.

#### Pyramid-for-Toyota offer turned down Kabul youths demonstrate against Pakistan

TOKYO (AFP) — Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama bas turned down an offer hy Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to swap a pyramid for top Japanese carmaker Toyota Motor Corporation, the Sankei Shimbun said Tuesday. Mr. Murayama disclosed the episode from his visit to Egypt in mid-September at a meeting Monday with Toyota Chairman Shoichiro Toyoda, the daily said. Toyota, the top carmaker in Japan, enjoys a 40 per cent share of the domestic market, has more than 70,000 employees and annual sales of more than eight trillion yen (\$80 hillion). Mr. Murayama turned down the offer, saying 'there is no place to put a pyramid in Japan," newspaper reported. It was not known which pyramid Mr. Mubarak offered for the carmaker.

### Extremist Hofmann sentenced to life

STUTTGART (AFP) - Red Army Faction (RAF) extremist Sieglinde Hofmann was sentenced to prison for life Tueday for the 1977 kidnap-murder of West German employers federation chief Hanns-Martin Schleyer and a hid to assassinate then NATO commander Alexander Haig in 1979. Hofmann, aged 50, who had already served a 15-year sentence for the attempted kidnap of a banker, was found guilty of five murders and three attempted murders in ber second trial for acts committed by the ultra-left urban guerrilla group. Evidence from repented RAF members gathered in East Germany following the 1989 fall of the Berlin Wall helped convict her.

### Ramos orders embassy probe in S. Arabla

MANILA (AP) - President Fidel Ramos ordered the Foreign Affairs Department Tuesday to investigate allegations that some Philippine emhassy employees were smuggling banned products into Saudi Arabia: Mr. Ramos told Foreign Secretary Domingo Stazon to be prepared to dismiss any embassy official involved in such smuggling. Newspaper reports said five embassy officers were caught trying to smuggle boxes of liquor and pork products from Bahrain to Saudi Arabia on Aug. 26. The officials were not charged because of their diplomatic immunity, hut the banned goods were confiscated, the reports said.